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SHANGHAI EVACUATION CANCELLED

Reds adamant in ban on entry of LST's

GENERAL GORDON SAILS FOR JAPAN

Shanghai Communist officials have prevented the evacuation of more than 1,600 foreign nationals from that city.

The American mercy ship, the ss. General Gordon, left Hong Kong last night for Japan, after waiting in Hong Kong for four days, in the hope that the Shanghai Communists would allow the evacuation to take place as they had previously agreed.

More than 100 passengers who had booked Shanghai passages in Hong Kong left the General Gordon late yesterday, after spending three hopeful days on board the liner.

The official reason for the cancellation is that the Chinese Communists refused to allow two American LST craft, operated by civilian American crews, to enter Shanghai and ferry the evacuees to the General Gordon, which planned to anchor in international waters.

However, other unofficial reasons were advanced in Hong Kong yesterday.

One was that the Shanghai Communists resented the loss of face caused by foreigners, who had previously been determined to stick it out in Shanghai under the Communists, rushing to leave the city.

A church official said that the Communists also feared the possible adverse world publicity which would result from the evacuation, once the passengers had left Shanghai.

Foreign consulates in Shanghai yesterday had a combined meeting on the Communist refusal to carry out their agreement.

It was reliably reported that they made a combined protest representation on the cancellation to the Peking Government.

Want foreign exchange

Another reason, advanced by a British businessman, is that the Communists are so pressed for hard currency that they refused to allow the evacuees to leave.

He pointed out that the evacuees were all of fairly high income groups, and that foreign exchange remittances to 1,600 people would mean a great loss for the Communists.

The local Manager of the American President Lines, Mr. J. J. Berryman, said last night that he had had two telephone conversations with the Company's APL office in Shanghai yesterday.

After the first call, late in the afternoon, the shipping Company informed the 103 Shanghai passengers on board the General Gordon, that the ship was leaving for Japan at 8 p.m.

However, Mr. Berryman said the Communists had not suddenly reversed their decision, another telephone call was put through to Shanghai less than an hour before the ship's departure.

However, Mr. Berryman said that the Shanghai officials were reported to be standing firm on their refusal to allow the LST craft into Shanghai.

He added: "On the basis of this information, there was little else our company could do, and the order to send the ship to Japan was given.

"There is still a chance, though very slim, that the ship would carry out the evacuation if the Communist officials changed their minds within the next day or two, but it is very doubtful."

Still has hopes

The American Consul-General in Kong Kong, Mr. Karl Rankin, said yesterday that he still had hopes that the foreign nationals would be allowed to evacuate in the near future.

He said that the General Gordon failure was "very dissapointing.

Most of the Gordon's 103 passengers had been living on the ship for the past few days.

One British family, who had given up their hotel rooms in Hong Kong early last week, moved into a friend's residence last night, because they could find no accomodation.

However, the discomfort and disappointment of the Hong Kong passengers must be called slight, when compared to the far-reaching effects on the cancellation to the 1,600 Shanghai residents.

The Shanghai residents sold out their household property for a "pittance."

Automobiles, refrigerators, wireless sets, food and liquor stores brought only a reported one-hundreth of the original price of the articles.

Though many of the articles are reported to have been sold to friends, and probably are recoverable, some were sold at whatever the market would bring, and are not recoverable.

A British official, who was leaving the gangway of the General Gordon yesterday was asked to comment on the sudden cancellation.

He said: "The newspaper carried a good summary of how I feel. It said that though the General Gordon passengers going to Shanghai were hoping for much, they would not be surprised at anything. I hoped for more than this, but I am not surprised.

"The next move is up to the capricious Shanghai Communist officials."

Negotiations reviewed

Several weeks ago, the United States State Department and the American President Lines set up an evacuation mission when APL in Shanghai reported that more than 2,000 foreigners wanted passage out of blockaded Shanghai, adds Associated Press.

Safe conduct was guaranteed by the Chinese Nationalists, and the Chinese Reds agreed to let LST's enter Chinese waters to shuttle passengers out to the Gordon in the open sea.

As the evacuation date drew near, the Reds balked—no reason was given why. LST's from Japan manned by APL crews, arrived off the Yangtse mouth but could not get clearance to enter the river. Four times APL delayed sailing of the liner from Hong Kong but warned yesterday that it could not tie up the ship much longer.

Then, new complications developed. It was learned from Shanghai that the Reds were refusing exit permits to some of the evacuees. It was also reported that they were reneging on some exit permits which had already been issued.

Foreseeing drawn-out negotiations, APL cancelled the trio and took off 103 passengers for Shanghai here.

This will be dark news for the evacuees stranded in Shanghai, including scores of Embassy and Consulate personnel; some 300 Americans, many of whom are prominent business people; almost 200 British; at least 40 International Relief Organisation workers and family members, hundreds of others.

Panamanian ship sinks off Taiwan; 41 crewmen lost

Taipeh, March 20.

A steamer carrying a cargo of Nationalist gold ore valued at U.S.$200,000 sank yesterday with a loss of 41 lives and an official inquiry into the possibility of Communist sabotage has been ordered, it was announced today.

The Panamanian flag vessel, Miranda, heeled over and went down 45 miles off Taiwan yesterday morning after flashing a distress call. Six survivors of the 47-man Chinese crew were picked up by a fishing boat.

The ore was being shipped to Sasebo, Japan, for refining.

The harbour police at Keelung, the North Taiwan port from which the Miranda sailed on Sunday, said there was suspicion of Communist sabotage. The survivors said, however, that high winds caused the Miranda to ship water leading to the fatal list. The crewmen are being held in custody by the Keelung authorities for further questioning.

The Miranda was owned by the Kong Ling Company of Hong Kong. Naval circles said the Miranda was of 3,475 tons displacement and carried a cargo of 4,600 tons of gold ore.

The Norwegian motor vessel Hermod (2,882 tons) sighted the members of the crew of the Miranda adrift in two lifeboats after the steamer capsized off Keelung, adds a Reuter report from London.

Lloyds' Shipping intelligence reported this news from Hong Kong today, adding that the Miranda's master is a Norwegian.—United Press and Reuter.

Lin Piao assigns crack brigade for invasion of Hainan

Communist General Lin Piao has sent his Iron Brigade—the toughest unit in his army—to spearhead the invasion of Hainan Island.

The main feature of the Brigade is its artillery unit manned mainly by Japanese, said the vernacular "Sing Tao Man Pao" yesterday in a report from Canton.

The report added that the Brigade is more than 5,000 strong and consists of hardened troops who have fought in many of Lin Piao's military campaigns.

Some 2,000 Japanese are in the artillery unit.

The report said that the Brigade arrived in Canton on March 15 and left three days later for Luichow Peninsula, opposite Hainan Island.

General Lin Piao, added the report, is still in Hankow.

Sungmen landing

The Nationalist commando capture of Sungmen, Chekiang Province town 200 miles South of Shanghai, spurred talk in Taipeh of bigger strikes to come adds Associated Press in a report from Taipeh.

Authorities hinted that their landing force still holds the tiny coastal town, seized on March 15 in a daring raid.

The Chinese Nationalist Air Force, unopposed throughout the civil war, had just had a near encounter with three mystery planes in the vicinity of Shanghai.

The Defense Ministry announced yesterday that the Nationalist aircraft, returning from an attack on Shanghai, sighted the strangers on Saturday and "were about to attack" the mysterious aircraft when they escaped in a North Westerly direction.

The Ministry added only that the planes were not American.

Nationalist officials in the past have said Russia was planning to supply the Chinese Communists with planes. There have been recent persistent rumours in Taipeh that the Russians actually had furnished 200 planes.

The Air Ministry, announced that its planes had pounded the Shanghai waterfront again yesterday with undisclosed results. The Canton, Foochow, and Amoy areas also were hit.

Li's message

Sources who refused to allow themselves to be named, alleged that Vice President Li Tsung-jen, formerly Acting President of Nationalist China, had sent a message to leaders of the armed forces and other top Nationalist commanders, urging them to switch allegiance from President Chiang Kai-shek to himself.

Li is supposed to have assured them that he had a good understanding with President Truman of the United States.

Li recently claimed the armed forces were ready to overthrow Chiang on a signal from him, but he is believed in Taipeh to overestimate his influence.

Singapore Suit over Chinese ship

Singapore, March 21.

A legal contest for possession of the Liberty ship Hai Hsuan, one of 4J or more Victory and Liberty ships sold by the United States Government to the Nationalists, started in the Supreme Court here today.

Claimants in the suit were the United States Government and the defendants were the chief mate and acting Captain, Yang Soo-nee, and third mate Loh Chi-sze.

The defence asked the Court to set aside the writ on grounds of procedure. They asserted:

1. The suit should have been filed through the Admiralty Court;

2. The defendants, as servants of the owners, have no jurisdiction to hand over the ship;

3. The writ should have been filed against the owners, whoever he or it may be.

The defence submitted the decree from the Peking Government claiming ownership was forthcoming through the British Foreign Office and when this was established the Singapore Court would have no jurisdiction over a dispute between two sovereign Governments. The defence also submitted the Singapore Court would have jurisdiction only if the ship was seized or arrested as a civil action for the present case.—United Press.

Malayan Red plot to gain control of labour in Singapore

Singapore, March 21.

A plot by the Malayan Chinese Communist Party to gain control of labour in Singapore through an underground union called the "Singapore All Races All Trades General Labour Union", was revealed when three Chinese members were arrested over the week-end.

The plot calls for strikes, slowdown, sabotage and urges the Workers Protection Corps to carry out faithfully all jobs requiring force.

In the past week the Communists have been busy putting up posters, distributing pamphlets and hoisting Red flags atop telephone poles, climaxing with two recent hand grenade incidents.

Singapore had been quiet and peaceful since the start of the emergency and security measures were somewhat relaxed in the last few months.

Although the Communists will try to create disorder, it is unlikely that much blood will be spilled in Singapore for the simple reason the terrorists have no means of escape as in the case of their comrades up North who have jungles as a natural asylum from the pursuing troops. The Singapore authorities have only to close the causeway linking Singapore and the mainland to bottle up Communist agents and it would not be a hard job for this tiny island to purge them out in a thorough screening operation.

The Singapore-Kuala Lumpur night mail train was attacked last night in the Senai area of Johore State. A Chinese civilian was hospitalised when the train reached Kluang station. Soldiers who were only slightly wounded continued the journey with their units. The train sped through the ambush while the security guards exchanged fire with the attackers.

Lincolns arrive

Four Lincoln bombers accompanied by a very lightweight arrived here from Ceylon yesterday as the vanguard of the Lincoln and Auster force of the Royal Air Force in Malaya for anti-bandit operations.

The remaining four Lincolns are arriving in the next few days.

The Malaya Federation Government today appointed Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Rawson Briggs as director of operations to plan, co-ordinate and generally direct anti-bandit operations, adds Reuter.

General Briggs, who is 55, was General Officer Commanding, Burma Command, from 1946 until January 1948. He Commanded the 7th Indian Infantry Brigade in Eritrea and the Western Desert from 1940 to 1942, and the 5th Indian Division in the Eastern Desert in Iraq and Burma from 1942 to 1944.

An official announcement said that General Briggs' primary function would be to secure full and effective co-ordination. He would be responsible for allocating tasks to the various components of the security forces and for deciding, in consultation with the heads of the police force and the fighting services, priorities of these tasks and their general timing and sequence.

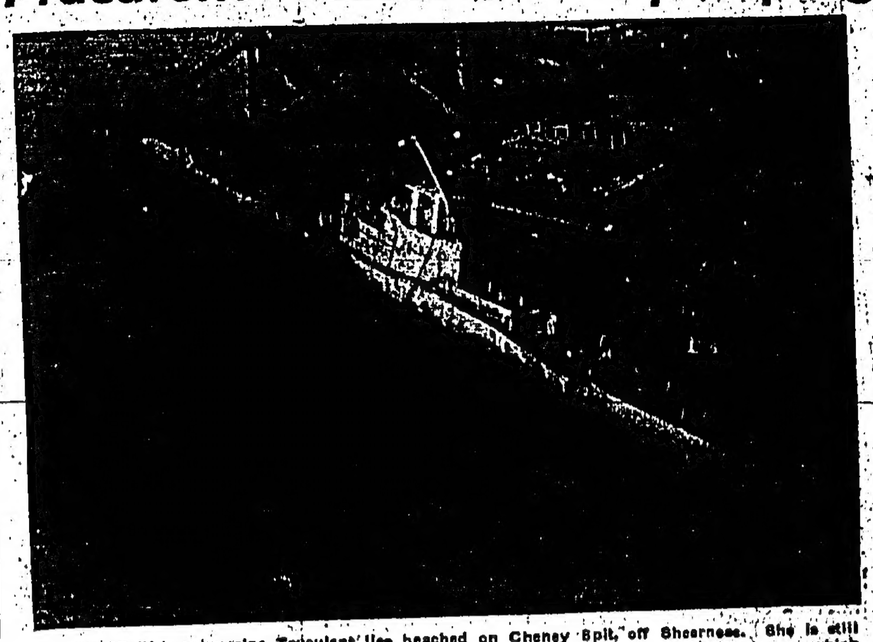
Bandits killed three Europeans and an Indian driver in two ambushes today in the Kedah, reports Associated Press.

Six others were wounded. The Europeans killed were Mr. A. Burns, Manager of Rahman Hydraulic Tin Ltd., his Assistant, Mr. W.P. Thomson, and a British police sergeant.

Two police constables, three special constables and one Malay were wounded.

Two tin miners were attacked by bandits in a mine near the Thailand boundary in another ambush, adds Reuter and Associated Press.

Truculent readied for pumping



The British submarine Truculent lies beached on Cheney Spit, off Sheerness. She is still held fast in the multiple nine-inch hawsers of the lifting craft Energie and Ausdauer which heaved her from the bed of the Thames Estuary where she lay for two months after she was rammed and sunk by the Swedish tanker Divina with a deathroll of 64. Truculent will be pumped empty and later towed to a naval dockyard for repair.—(AP Photo).

NO CASE FOR INCREASE IN DIRECT TAXATION, REFORM CLUB RESOLVES

Government has made out no case for an increase in direct taxation on the basis of the financial estimates published.

This resolution, put forward at a public meeting of the Reform Club of Hong Kong, held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday evening, was passed unanimously by an audience of about 70 people after hearing attacks made by speakers on Government's tax proposal.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, President of the Reform Club. He was supported on the platform by Mr. T. A. Martin and Mr. Ma Man-fai.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Bernacchi called upon the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, who will be voting on the budget today, not only in the speeches to support the resolution passed at the meeting, but also to oppose the passing of the budget by their votes.

"As they are supposed to represent the public, we call upon them to support this motion as an expression of public opinion," said Mr. Bernacchi.

The proceedings opened with a detailed and comprehensive analysis of the budget by Mr. T. A. Martin for the easier digestion by the general public of this more than 100-page document and figures.

Two weeks ago, he said, it was published in the Press that the estimates of expenditure on Pensions, amounted to $8,000,000 whereas Education was given only the miserly sum of $5,500,000. Actually, however, the allocation for education is four times that amount, or to be exact $22,000,000, and he picked out different items from other heads in the budget.

Repeats plea

Mr. Martin repeated his plea of last year that the budget should be compiled in a more readily understandable form.

Government's estimated expenditure under all heads for the coming year totals $223,000,000 as against estimated revenue of $192,000,000.

This time last year they estimated expenditure at $2,000,000 more and revenue at $12,000,000 less. Actually the revised estimate of income for last year is now $68,000,000 more than originally estimated, or $57,000,000 more than what is expected for the coming year.

Salaries etc. will total $89,000,000 or 40 per cent of total expenditure: last year it was 36 per cent.

Pensions are up $1,000,000 compared with last year. Is this a reflection of the lowering of the retiring age to 45 under certain conditions: that policy may have certain merits, but what of the cost? asked Mr. Martin.

He also drew attention to expatriation pay estimated last year at $3,092,000 against $3,270,000 this year, and passages of officers which are up $250,000 this year. To what extent has Government during the past year drawn on the local market for its staff requirements in preference to looking to other parts of the Empire for personnel?

Expenditure

Mr. Martin split up the estimated expenditure of $223,000,000 over the different departments for the coming year as follows:—

The Public Works Department 27 millions or 14 per cent of the total to be spent; Police 22 millions or 14 per cent of the total to be spent; Education 22 millions or 10 per cent of the total to be spent; Medical Department 22 millions or 9.9 per cent of the total to be spent; The Railway 18 millions or six per cent of the total to be spent; Sanitary Department 12 millions or 5.4 per cent of the total to be spent; Marine Department eight millions or 3.6 per cent of the total to be spent; Pensions eight millions or 3.6 per cent of the total to be spent; Air and Airport seven millions; Post Office seven millions; Prisons seven millions; Stores Department six millions; Servicing of the Public Debt five millions; Miscellaneous such as Currency Expenses, Printing and Binding, sundry subscriptions including an allocation of half a million for the welfare of the Troops which last named you and I would like to see doubled five millions; S.C.A. Social Welfare and Labour three millions; District Office New Territories three millions.

Then in the two millions category 1 place:—Buildings, Residences and Quarters for Civil Servants; The Defence Force; The Fire Brigade; Agriculture Forestry and Gardens; Department of Commerce and supply; Legal Magistracy Supreme Court and Registrar General; Colonial Secretariat and Legislature; Department of Supplies and Distribution including Co-operatives and Fisheries; Others together namely—Audit, Public Relations, Rating and valuation, Statistical and the Custodian.

And in the one million category 1 place:—Inland Revenue; The Treasury; Miscellaneous Instruments and Machinery; The Observatory; Central Government Offices; Claims and Compensation.

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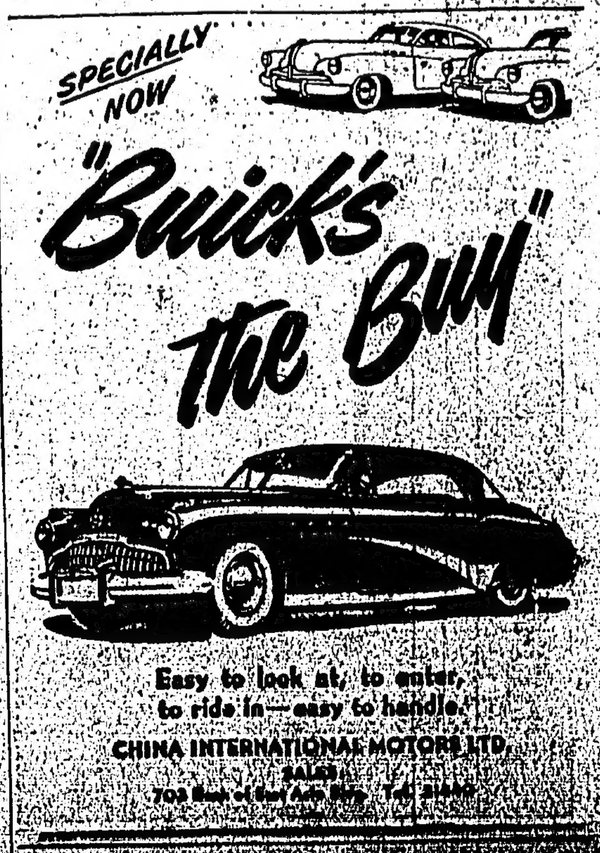

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) an anticyclone is centred over the Yellow Sea and is now stationary or moving slowly Eastward. Strong winds are blowing round the China coast S of the Yangtse.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate or fresh E winds becoming SE, cloudy with local drizzle patches at first.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 66.4 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 60.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 2.3 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since 1st Jan.—[illegible]
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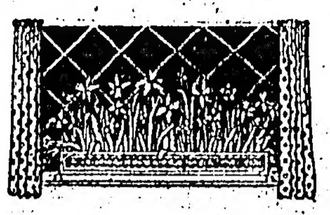

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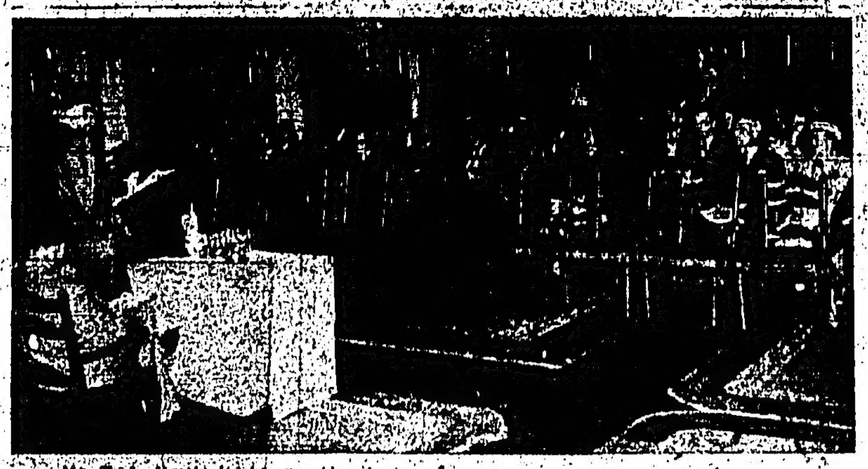

Mr. T. A. Martin is shown addressing members of the Reform Club at their meeting in the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden yesterday during which a resolution on taxation was adopted. ("China Mail" photo).

REFORM CLUB RESOLUTION

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Revenue

Turning to the revenue side of the budget Mr. Martin said Government anticipates raising $102,000,000 disregarding all windfalls.

"This time last year $180,000,000 was hoped for, but $248,000,000 was provided. The Financial Secretary is understandably relieved; yet a historical survey will show that so-called 'windfalls' have such a remarkable way of repeating themselves that in time they become accepted as part of the regular income of the Colony.

"I am reminded of the reactions of the late Sir Paul Chater when he arrived in the Colony in the seventies with $15 in his pocket. Some 50 years later he told me that Hong Kong, on his arrival, was regarded as finished, but his own faith in the natural advantages of the Colony as the gateway to China, protected by the security of the British Flag, inspired him to efforts which are now history.

"Mr. Follows does not believe that the days of Hong Kong as an integal part of the British Empire are numbered, but he appears concerned over the drop in expected income from duties anticipating $24,000,000 less under this head than will be forthcoming by the end of this month. He forecasts income from property rates will be maintained, and people will still bet, dance, entertain, eat and drink and pay their stamp duties, and die to the same extent as last year." (Laughter).

"Nevertheless his forecast is that we will receive some $3,000,000 less than actually came into the coffers the year before last, and all in all we shall wind up the year with a loss of some $7,000,000, and must accordingly raise the standard rate of direct taxation by 50 per cent to cover such apparent short-fall.

"I am most emphatically opposed to that remedy, and I hope you will agree with the view which I now put forward, and will support the motion before the meeting, that on the basis of the financial estimates published by the Government there is no justification for an increase in direct taxation."

Income tax levy

Mr. Martin said it is well known that the income tax levy can be a potent factor in affecting adversely the business of this Colony.

"With all respect I say that at this stage a case has not been made out for an increase in the standard rate, and we should wait for more information on the indeterminate liabilities mentioned in the Financial Secretary's budget address, with particular reference to our expected contribution to special expenditure, rather than tinker with the rate at this juncture," concluded Mr. Martin.

Mr. Bernacchi, putting the motion to the meeting, said **last year he had criticised the appalling manner in which the budget estimates were presented.**

"From the time this Club was formed," said Mr. Bernacchi, "we have repeatedly been told both orally and in writing by senior members of the Government that they welcomed the part the Reform Club play and can play in the political life of the Colony. To my mind one of the most serious features of this year's budget is that Government, for all their expressions of desire to have the public opinion given them, have seen fit to present the budget estimates in precisely the same form as last year—a form in which in my opinion no independent firm of accountants would ever consider drawing up.

"In our platform adopted by the Reform Club last December we envisaged that increased taxation would be inevitable. We envisaged considerable increases in the educational, medical and social welfare services of this Colony. When the time comes for the Reform Club to contest the first elections, we will inevitably be met by the accusations that unless we progress with our platform with caution it will involve the Colony in a taxation too heavy for it to bear. We do not want to be faced with the statement that even to keep things as they are, the direct taxation has to be at the rate of 15 per cent. If we consider that on these estimates already so carefully explained by Mr. Martin no care whatsoever has been made for increased direct taxation, and if and when that is necessary, we want it spent in a manner that our platform envisages."

Colony lottery

Mr. Bernacchi then said it has to be noted with regret that no attempt has been made to introduce a Colony lottery.

"I recognise that direct taxation is normally the finest method of distributing the tax burden, but I am far from convinced that such taxation as at present administered, is evenly distributed.

"We have yet to see even legislation for compulsory registration of partnerships which it would appear is essential to proper tax collection from at least a reasonable percentage of persons liable to pay, then I feel it should not be increased until at least such a large money raiser as a Colony Lottery has been introduced.

Mr. Ma Man-fai, who seconded the motion, said some of these present may not be direct taxpayers but they have been moved against inequitable and unnecessary taxation.

"Our platform demanded the broadening of the basis of taxation by the introduction of 'pay-as-you-earn' so that a greater number than the 30,000 to 50,000 direct taxpayers, according to unofficial disclosures are made to bear the burden of financing the Government, hoping against hope that the biblical saying 'where you money is there will your hearts be also' will be effective to make more people civic conscious to

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Personalia

Lady Mountbatten emplaned yesterday for Calcutta by BOAC. The Countess had been on a five-day visit in the Colony during which she had taken great interest in the Colony's St. John's Ambulance Brigade week. The Royal visitor was seen off by representatives of the Navy, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and Mr. C.J.R. Dawson, the Governor's ADC.

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Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. B. Martin, Mrs. K. Kaluzhny, Miss G. B. Paulley, Messrs. T. Hagen, J. Mougin, G. H. Van Landingham, C. H. Carlyle, W. Dunn, F. Smolkin, H. W. Arnott, A. Lipsman, E. Pascual, F. Topolski, J. Dillin, and Mr. and Mrs. Wu Park-chao.

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Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Modglin, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fell, Major and Mrs. R. J. Yetter, Messrs. F. Harper, J. Bruce, E. J. Cowell, T. D. Nettleton, W. G. Lamb, R. A. Ellery, and Major M. Oliver.

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Messrs. W. R. May, B. K. Chu, H. Wong, and C. N. Koo left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

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Among those who left for Singapore by CPA yesterday were Messrs. T. T. Tchang, R. P. De Lasalle and W. A. Browning.

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Mr. W.L. Blythe, President of the Municipal Commissioners, Singapore, has been appointed Colonial Secretary, Singapore.

He was born at Birkenhead in November, 1896, and was educated at Birkenhead Institute and Liverpool University. After serving in the Royal Field Artillery from 1916-1919 he joined the Malayan Civil Service in 1921.

He held various posts including that of Deputy Controller of Labour (Chinese), Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States, before being interned by the Japanese in 1942. He was appointed Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Malayan Union, in 1946, and to his present post in 1948.

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Among the departures for Singapore yesterday by BOAC were Messrs. R.P. De Lasalle, W.A. Browning, G.W. Graham and Major P.M. Slane.

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Mrs. D.A. MacKenzie, Miss S.R. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fell, Captain W.A. Tighe, Messrs. J. Bruce, W.F. Birnie, W.F. Lamb and R.R. Willcocks left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

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Those who left for Yokohama yesterday by BOAC included Miss A. Parent, Mrs. A.E.E. Crosswell, Lady Gasgoigne, Messrs. W.C. Lamb, W.J. Anderson, C.M. Correa, H.S. Matthews, N.J. Prior, and Dr. D.M. Dichu.

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Hong Kong delegate reports on Jaycee int'l congress

The Junior Chamber of Commerce International believes that the answer to the mistakes of the past, the answer to bad ownership and bad management is not the introduction of a political system which overthrows the existing framework of society and attempts to rebuild it in a different way.

To the Jaycees the answer to bad ownership is good ownership; the answer to the absentee landlord is the landlord-farmer who knows his acres.

These statements formed the highlight of a review of the recently-concluded International Junior Chamber of Commerce congress made yesterday before sponsors of the proposed Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Austin Coates, of the Colonial Secretariat.

Mr. Coates headed a delegation of Hong Kong representatives, who flew to Manila earlier this month to attend the Congress as observers.

The sponsors met at dinner last night in the roof-garden of the Hong Kong Hotel to hear Mr. Coates' report on the Congress.

He said in part:

"When your observers left Hong Kong on February 27 they were in two minds about the Jaycee organisation and its merits. They knew little about it. Apart from conversations with the Jaycee Liaison Officer from the Philippines who visited Hong Kong last November to stir up interest in the movement here and apart from a few meetings between young men interested in sponsoring a Hong Kong Junior Chamber, they had no real means of assessing the value of the Jaycee movement, either internationally or as it might affect Hong Kong.

"Now, after two weeks in the Philippines at the Fifth World Congress of JCI, and a week in Hong Kong afterwards sleeping it off, your observers have a difficult task to accomplish.

"You sent them merely to observe, but they have come back such convinced Jaycees that they feel their observations will mean nothing unless they convey to you something of the enthusiasm and interest which this World Congress has aroused in them.

The Congress

"Let me first tell you something about the Congress itself. The greatest credit must go to the Philippine Jaycees for the way they organised everything from start to finish. Of course the Philippines is, compared with Britain or Australia for instance, very much a country of young men; and an organisation of men under 35 has a great deal more influence in the Philippines than it would have in many other countries, particularly in Europe.

"Bearing that in mind, however, the extent of the arrangements made by the Philippine Jaycees to receive the international delegates was nevertheless remarkable. To begin with we were given the freedom of the port, and all the normal formalities of baggage search and customs declarations were waived. We entered Manila to find the city plastered with "Welcome Jaycees" and many of the public buildings illuminated in honour of the Congress.

Facilities extended

The theatre of the Far Eastern University, air-conditioned, was put at the disposal of the Congress for plenary sessions. Virtually two-thirds of the ground floor of the Manila Hotel were lent for a Congress office, committee rooms, and a large exhibition of Philippine industry and crafts. On successive days all the delegates were the guests of President Quirino, the American Ambassador, the Belgian Consul, and leading commercial interests including the San Miguel Brewery, the Phil-American Life Insurance Company, the Manila Herald, and such organisations as Rotary, the Lions Club, the Jai-Alai, and of course of individual Jaycees.

"Every JCI event was recorded, and much of these recordings was broadcast in the evenings over the various radio stations in the Philippines.

"When we went to Baguio, the President lent his private aircraft to some of the delegates who had to get back to Manila quickly for a committee meeting. These details will perhaps serve to show the standing of the Jaycee movement in the Philippines; one might almost say that to a Philippine Jaycee nothing is impossible. This certainly proved to be of great advantage in the organising and smooth running of the Congress.

What Jaycee does

"A word now about what Jaycee does. There are clearly two types of national Jaycee, one which is predominantly commercial, as in Australia and in Europe, and the other which is predominantly civic, as in the United States and the Philippines.

"The difference in accent is simply due due to the needs of the countries concerned; a great deal of the civic and social work which the Philippine Jaycees undertake, for example, would in Britain be dealt with by already long-established institutions.

One of the projects which the Manila Jaycees may go in for in the near future is the encouragement of extensions to minor roads in the suburbs of Manila financed cooperatively by the people who will benefit by this. In England this is a long-established practice, and many of our country roads received their first tarmac surface due to private joint financing by the people whose houses lay along the roads concerned. In Britain therefore the Jaycees would not have to concern themselves with a problem like this.

"In other words, where civic sense and civic organisation are highly developed, Jaycee becomes largely an association of young men of commerce and industry; but in countries where civic responsibility is not so developed Jaycee, almost whether it likes it or not, steps into the empty shoes and has a civic mission which in a country like the Philippines it is accomplishing with such success that it has earned a name given to by none other than President Quirino himself when he called the Philippine Jaycees a group of young men with adult ideas.

"It is interesting to note how the Philippine Jaycees first rose to popularity and public esteem. This was when repeated criticism of the insanitary state of the streets in Manila had elicited no response from the authorities. Accordingly the Jaycees announced that if no one else would clean the streets properly they would, and there being still no response they put on denims and cleaned the streets themselves.

"We think that it is a fairly safe forecast to make about Jaycee in this city that from unostentatious beginnings it will move towards the problems of civic responsibility.

"It will, in other words choose, of the two different brands of national Jaycee, to align itself with the United States and the Philippines, by being of the civic brand. I think that Jaycee in India will also follow the same lines. We consider that this is something to be welcomed in Hong Kong.

"Though it is hardly necessary to say this again, your observers would like to report that JCI is not a political organisation. Although it would be true to say that its members all over the world seem to find a general agreement on the broadcast political principles none of the Jaycee organisations take any part in national politics.

The values of Jaycee

"I have been asked what is the use of JCI. It is well understood that an organisation of civic minded young men can be of service in a community. Why must these organisations get together once a year, travelling from the ends of the earth at great expense and trouble? If I may put the obvious answer first, it is that most of the delegates being business-men, the contacts they make and what they learn of the country, where the congresses are held are often of great service to them commercially.

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Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

TAXATION

Sir,—Now that the Inland Revenue Ordinance will be brought up to the Legislative Council for amendment shortly, I think that there is one point which I, as a taxpayer, ought to bring to the attention of the unofficial representatives.

I refer to Section 4 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and I consider that this particular section should either be abolished or otherwise amended. This concerns the provision of a secrecy clause, in that a taxpayer is assured that whatever information and figures are given in his return, illegal or otherwise and so long as it is taxable, they will not be handed over to any department other than those which are specifically stated in that Ordinance. It was intended, when the Ordinance was enacted, to give the taxpayers an assurance that the information will be strictly confidential to the Inland Revenue Department, so that even if a taxpayer is dealing in black market transactions or trade not permissible under other Ordinances, he will be protected to the extent that the information and accounts furnished will not be accessible to other departments which may cause the taxpayer to be incriminated. The raid conducted by the Police on the Inland Revenue Department on December 15, 1949, and the removal of all their files to the Police Headquarters for their examination, shows that this particular section definitely requires amendment. I consider the action is not only ultra vires the above Ordinance, but that it makes the operation of the Inland Revenue Ordinance difficult in the coming year, for no merchant will feel safe if, on the one hand, he has to make a full disclosure of his profits, whatever the source, and if, on the other hand, such disclosure may be subject to Police examination, on which he may be liable to prosecution for infringement of other ordinances.

Personally, I am one of the firms that was called up by the Police for questioning, and all the questions I was asked were in connection with my accounts. This was most surprising, for I thought that the raid conducted by the Police was in connection with anti-corruption; but instead it turned out to be one of accounting on revenue and figures. Surely, the Police are not doing that at the request of the Inland Revenue Department or—perhaps because this department is not collecting well—because the Police have been called into give assistance! I saw hundreds of representatives of firms were there in the Oriental Building when I was questioned, and some of the questions which I overheard were not irrelevant to obtaining evidence of corruption, but highly intimidating. The fellow who was questioned at a table next to me was asked why his profit for the year 1948 was so small, and when he replied that his business during that year was not so good, he was told that he was telling a lie and that the Police would go to raid his shop unless he told the truth. Fundamentally, I think this line of approach in order to get more taxation revenue is not only undemocratic but absolutely wrong, and it reminds me of the time when the Japanese were enforcing their taxation law during the occupation of Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

DISSATISFIED TAXPAYER

MONTHLY BUS TICKETS

Sir,—I am sure the China Motor Bus Company are making valiant efforts to provide Monthly Tickets to the public, but isn't it about time that they started?

It is now nearly five years since the re-occupation, and a word from the Manager of the Company would ease many minds as to why Monthly Tickets are not being issued. And if they propose to issue them soon, can he tell us when?

Maybe more profit can be found the way tickets are sold now, but isn't the man who cannot afford a car to have some privilege?

Yours etc.,

BUS RIDER.

EXCHANGE OF STAMPS

Hans Blumenthal, of A. Napu Street No. 6, Tel Aviv, Israel, has written to the "China Mail" inviting correspondence from local residents interested in the exchange of postal stamps.

HONG KONG SPCA

To 'Dog Lover': The questions raised should first be ventilated at the annual meeting of the above Society.—Editor.

AIRLETTER-FORMS

Regular airletter forms with the 40-cent stamp superscribed on them have arrived in Hong Kong.

The Postmaster General yesterday that they [illegible]

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Malarial Bureau Inspector held on corruption charge

An allegation that a Malarial Bureau Inspector corruptly received $200 from a bean sprout dealer so as to enable him to purchase presents for the "big shots" in the General Office was made by Detective Sub-Inspector A. F. Cochrane at Central yesterday.

Before Mr. J. Reynolds, Wong Tak-keung, a Malarial Bureau Inspector faced a charge of corruption in that he obtained $200 from Chan Mun of an unnumbered hut in Chi Ma Yuen, Island Road, Aberdeen.

The money, it was alleged, was paid to accused at 173 Island Road, first floor, on February 13, where he was residing.

DSI Cochrane said that sometime in the month of May last year Chan asked accused for permission to dig a small hole in order to obtain a supply of water for watering the bean sprouts which he was growing.

Accused acceded to Chan's request and permission was then granted. Nothing was heard for some time.

A few months later accused told Chan that all newly built "water holes" had to be closed. In the meantime, it was alleged by the prosecution, Chan handed accused a sum of $200, the money to be utilised to purchase presents for the "big shots" in the General Office.

Nothing further was heard until February this year when Chan received a letter, alleged to have been sent by accused, informing him to close or fill up the water hole within three days, failing which action would be taken against him.

Chan on receiving the letter went straight to the Anti-Corruption Branch where he was given certain instructions.

Paid $200

The same night, Chan went to the accused's house and asked him the reason why the letter was sent to him. It was at this stage, prosecution alleged that accused asked complainant for $400 or $500 to buy presents for the "big shots" in the General Office. Eventually Chan decided to pay accused $200.

On the morning of February 13, Chan on the instructions of DSI Hung took $200 (all in $10 notes) the numbers of which were marked to be handed over to the accused.

In the meantime, a Chinese detective disguised as a farmer, went along with Chan.

On arriving at the house, accused and Chan went to one room while the detective was in another room waiting. After some time accused came out of the room, followed by Chan while the detective also left his room.

Chan on seeing the detective signalled to him that the money had already been handed over to accused. It was at this stage that the detective revealed his identity by producing his police card.

Accused doubted the detective's identity, a struggle followed and in the course of the commotion, the prosecution alleged, accused took the money out of his pocket and threw it on the ground. Later accused was arrested by DSI Hung.

When arrested accused made a statement in which he said that the money was thrown at him.

Hearing was adjourned to March 28.

HK delegate reports on Jaycee int'l congress

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"A second value of JCI was apparent in the admirable effect the visit of the Australian delegation had in the Philippines of healing the recent misunderstandings which have existed between those two countries.

As you know, the Prime Minister of Australia took the opportunity of sending a letter to the President of the Philippines which was delivered by the Head of the Australian delegation when the foreign delegates were received at Malacanan Palace on the eve of the Congress. That kind of usefulness should not be overlooked. JCI flies high, and it will fly higher yet.

The third, and in some ways the most important of all the values of JCI, is the intangible understanding resulting from all international meetings where people from far-away countries come together with a common purpose. I think this speaks for itself.

The Jaycees realise the responsibilities and duties of ownership and management. We were impressed by the fact that of all the delegates at the Congress about 95 per cent were employers. JCI is in fact an international of young owners, employers, and managers, the younger leaders in every field of enterprise.

In uniting all over the world they claim that the answer to the mistakes of the past, the answer to bad ownership and bad management is not the introduction of a political system which overthrows the existing framework of society and attempts to rebuild it in different way. To the Jaycees the answer to bad ownership is good ownership; the absentee landlord is the landlord-farmer who knows his acres.

And the Jaycees believe that by standing together and holding to their ideals they can improve and elevate world standards of ownership and management, not simply for their own benefit, but for the benefit of all those who work for them as well, in fact for the entire community of which they are members."

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Reminders

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Toc H club meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Legislative Council, budget debate, 2.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, film show, HK Band Call, 8 p.m.
European YMCA: Debating Society, Open Forum, 8.45 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, whist drive, 10 a.m.
12 Commando, Royal Marines, Ceremonial Parade, Chatham Road, 11.30 a.m.
Services Spotlight, European YMCA, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Sino-British Club Orchestra, rehearsal at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m.
YMCA Debating Society, 8.45 p.m., West Lounge. Open forum of impromptu debates.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon at Peninsula Hotel, screening of films "Aquapolis", Liberation of Rome", 12.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call (1st Bn. Royal Leicesters), 8 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Guest Night, Concert by Band of South Staffordshire Regiment, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, "Universities", speaker: Prof. J. E. Driver, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

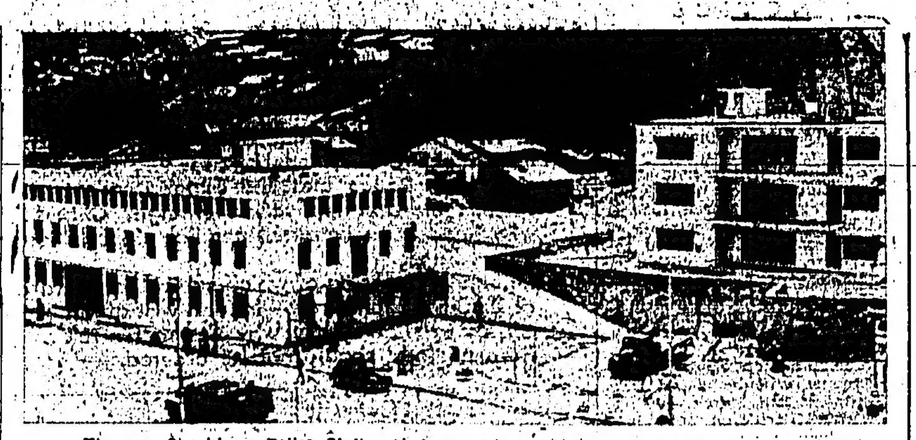
FRIDAY

Kowloon Reel Club, End of Season Informal Dance, King George V School.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Women's Section European YMCA, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.

TALBOT HOUSE LECTURE

Tonight's guest speaker at Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, will be the Rev. Fr. T. Sheridan, SJ. His subject will be "English and American Drama—1900-1950".

The meeting is at 8.30 p.m. and all interested are cordially invited.



The new Shaukiwan Police Station is shown above. Started nine months ago the building is now ready for occupancy and the Shaukiwan Police are moving in today. ("China Mail" photo).

New Shaukiwan Police Station completed

Spacious offices, built-in cupboards, drying rooms and tiled bathrooms with hot and cold running water are but a few of the features of the new Shaukiwan Police Station which is situated opposite the Taikoo Dockyard Recreation ground at Shaukiwan.

The two-storeyed building was started nine months ago and the Shaukiwan Police will move from their old station today.

The main building with a drill ground measuring 80 feet by 85 feet, with an adjoining two storeyed building for the married officers occupy an area of 34,200 square feet.

The ground floor of the main building comprises of the charge room, offices for all the officers, male and female cells and a lecture or briefing room.

In the charge room there are facilities for finger-printing, the sending and receiving of messages by radio and a detention room.

Adjoining the charge room is the armoury with segregated shelves for the various arms. A special rack for helmets and shields is hung from the ceiling and can be tipped up by a mere pull, whereupon all the paraphenalia for the emergency squad falls to the ground for the waiting constables.

To the left of the charge room is a passage way leading to the cells where prisoners are held waiting transport to the Courts. There are two cells for females, each capable of holding three persons, while there are three cells for males each capable of holding five.

On the first floor are the quarters for the unmarried officers and NCOs.

The whole building was designed for holding a total of 82 persons. All the lights are flourescent and the wiring is concealed.

About 15 yards to the left of the main building is the married men's quarters.

The building comprises of three flats each consisting of three bedrooms, two baths, a sitting room with a dining alcove, a kitchen, equipped with an electric range and refrigerator and servants quarters.

During the excavations of the site at the beginning about nine months ago an unexploded 500-kilogram American bomb was found at a depth of 20 feet. It took the RAF demolition squad two days to remove it and during that time the whole area was cordoned off.

The Inspectors who will be the first to enjoy the comforts of this modern station while they work are Sub Inspectors Tsui Po-ying, Lau Chak-hong and Jones. Detective Sub Inspector Nicol will be in charge of the CID branch.

This station is the first of six which is being built by the Government. It is the first of three of its size. The two others of similar type will be at Bay View and Hung Hom.

A larger Divisional Building is being planned for Kowloon City while block-houses will be built at Saikung and Castle Peak. Tsun Wan in the near future will also have one of these new block-houses.

Tax collectors attacked near Canton

Peasants attacked and badly injured tax collectors near Canton recently, according to the vernacular "Sing Tao Jih Pao" yesterday.

The report said that two of the collectors—a man and a woman—have been admitted to hospital for treatment to their injuries.

The man's fingers had been chopped off. The woman suffered bodily wounds.

Armed robbery suspects face Sessions

An attempted robbery in Kowloon on January 6 which was foiled when a woman cried for help over the verandah of the victimised house, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

In the dock stood Chan Kwong and Hung Kwai before Mr. Justice Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge, and a Jury of six men and one woman. The two accused are alleged to have taken part in the futile armed robbery at 284 Reclamation Street.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Davies, prosecuted. Both accused were not legally represented.

According to the prosecution, the house in question was kept as an opium divan. On the evening of the day in question, the keeper of the house was returning to the place when he found three men following him. As he entered, the men followed.

The owner was further followed inside his "teng" by one of the intruders, who then produced a gun. The other two men did likewise. At this point several men who had previously been in the divan before the arrival of the three, sprung into action and joined them.

A woman of the house, however, went to the verandah and shouted for help, with the result that the intruders hastily ran out of the house. The accused were among five men eventually arrested.

Hearing continues this morning.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Peter Mo Wan-lung, solicitor, of Wilkinson and Grist, residing at 8A Babington Path, second floor, and Miss Barbara Helena Falkingham, student; and Randolph F. Nurse, seaman, of 746½ Hayes Street, San Francisco, California, and Miss Lilly Ho, of Tick Lung Lane, Queen's Road, East, first floor.

PERSONAL TAX ALLOWANCES

Mr. E. Pudney, Commissioner of Inland Revenue, was misquoted in yesterday's issue of the "China Mail" to the effect that he agreed that Personal Allowances to taxpayers should be increased. Mr. Pudney had in fact stated that there is no justification for such allowances to be raised above the present level.

REFORM CLUB RESOLUTION

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take part in agitating for reform in Hong Kong."

Mr. Ma said that after seeing a whole year of intensive building for the sole benefit of the Civil Service in Leighton Hill, King's Park, Queen's Garden, and ever up in the Olympian heights of the Peak, we are now told there is going to be an $8,000,000 "Pentagon" on Albert Road.

"Where are our civic centres; stadiums, museums, libraries and auditoriums, for which the cultural and sporting world of Hong Kong has been clamouring for years? Where are the houses for the lower and middle income group? Where are the classrooms for the 50,000 unschooled children? Where are the additional clinics and hospitals for the rural population of the New Territories? Where are the increased grants for social welfare? Where are the free primary schools for our children? Where are the facilities for adult education and schooled children? Where are the increased facilities for public services, co-operative schemes assistance to farmers, aids to poor litigants?

"Forgotten man"

"Half of the $8,000,000 to be spent on the new Government offices could give Hong Kong both a town hall and a stadium, but unfortunately once again the public is treated as the forgotten man," said Mr. Ma.

He criticised the budget as one entirely failing to reflect public opinion, but nevertheless it is sure to be automatically steam-rollered in tomorrow.

"If last year's experience is any criterion, we shall within a few weeks be confronted with another supplementary budget of a few tens of millions, with the difference that it will be even more quietly and efficiently steam-rollered in than this present budget which we are discussing."

Mr. Ma said the Club's platform "charged us with the duty of straight control of Government spending," and he failed to see how that could be implemented unless Government first honoured its pledge of constitutional reform.

"Let us tell Government in unmistakeable terms that we want representation along with taxation, and will no longer tolerate without protest any further delay of constitutional reform, while allowing increasing taxes piling on top of broken pledges," said Mr. Ma.

The meeting was then thrown open to the public, and the first speaker from the audience, Mr. Marcus de Silva, who said he fully endorsed the motion that Government should not resort to more taxation, at all, for instance, taxation of Government wish to commend in five per cent, every without the number of people who have been increased with a bureaucratic tongue in a sardonic Government cheek, what increase will Government recommend in the future if a shadow of a case for increase should arise?" asked Mr. Silva.

Registration tax

"I advocate equity, reason and logic. I say that Government should now consider a Registration Tax with the Registration of Persons Bureau. Each person registering should pay $2 a head each month, with a grading down for a family, with $2 for the first two, $1 for the third, 50 cents each for the fourth and fifth, and a limit set of $5 for a family."

Mr. Silva said the argument that a large portion of the population lives at or under the poverty line whom it is grossly inequitable to tax, does not stand. No person has a right to evade his small contribution towards cost of government. Indigents rush pell-mell to Hong Kong, raise its population to more than two million, endanger its water supply, materially increase the cost of Government—"and you ask 5,000 to pay for this, and refuse to charge $2 a head a month—a figure that any coolie in the street, however poor, can afford without a qualm? especially when this would raise the yearly income by $30,000,000? asked Mr. Silva.

Mr. Silva also urged the imposition of an immigration tax, and also a Government Lottery which "Government ignores with puritan hypocrisy while with its left hand it collects substantially from the Hong Kong Jockey Club" (laughter).

"The whole situation cries for Government reform, for some answerability for inefficiency on the part of those in charge of our affairs and of our purse," concluded Mr. Silva.

The next speaker, Mr. F. E. Skinner, said Government having accumulated a surplus of $180,000,000 this year, wanted to bring this up to $200,000,000 in the coming year. Why should they get it from us this year? he asked.

Next he said he did not see why the cost of reclamation and new piers should be written off this year. The reclaimed land could be built on, and was therefore a revenue producing item. The expenditure, he said, should be spread out over a period of years.

The railway

The third point he wanted to know is whether the railway is a profit-maker or a white elephant.

To the last question Mr. Martin replied that the estimated revenue on the railway is $7,000,000 while expenditure $5,500,000. There is also an allocation from Rehabilitation Loan of $7,500,000, the bulk of which is for purchase of rolling stocks.

The next speaker, Mr. J. L. Macintyre, Secretary of the Reform Club, drew attention to the development schemes proposed in the Abercrombie Report, and said in the Financial Secretary's speech he referred to only a pottering little piece of reclamation and the construction of a couple of new piers.

He charged Government with lacking leadership and in effect pigeon-holing the report.

Mr. F. C. Clemo, who followed, said the main complaint is not against increased taxation but against the fact that it has to be borne by the "unfavoured few." In view of the fact that less than 5,000 people paid salary tax during the last fiscal year, as reported, it is obvious that the burden of taxation has not been spread equally over the populace, and that in the circumstances an increase of the taxation rate to 15 per cent is extremely unfair to the minority.

"It is my firm conviction that an increase in indirect taxation would have been a much more realistic approach to the budget problem," said Mr. Clemo. He instanced the case of cigarettes, a tin of 50 of the popular brand in England costing the equivalent of $7 whereas in Hong Kong the same could be obtained for $2.40.

On the question of windfalls Mr. Clemo said realistic revenue estimating must surely take into account the current conditions prevailing in the Colony, and factors which bring about such windfalls, should be taken into consideration. It is the only common sense way of looking at things in formulating policy.

"Guess-work" estimating

The "guess work" estimating for revenue at present in force must be dropped in favour of realistic budgeting based on the experience of past years," said Mr. Clemo.

A speaker, who said he was not a member of the Reform Club, said after hearing Mr. Martin's analysis of the budget, he felt there was no real need for increased taxation, direct or indirect. On the other hand, two previous speakers had advocated indirect taxation as an alternative method of raising revenue. As there was no need for extra revenue, he did not see why indirect taxation should be brought in at all.

The Chairman replied that this was correct, and the matter of indirect taxation should not be introduced. The motion was then put to the meeting, and was carried unanimously.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Bernacchi announced that the annual general meeting of the Reform Club would take place at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 21, in the evening.

The meeting will be preceded by a dinner which members may or may not attend as they wish. The meeting will be held immediately after the dinner.

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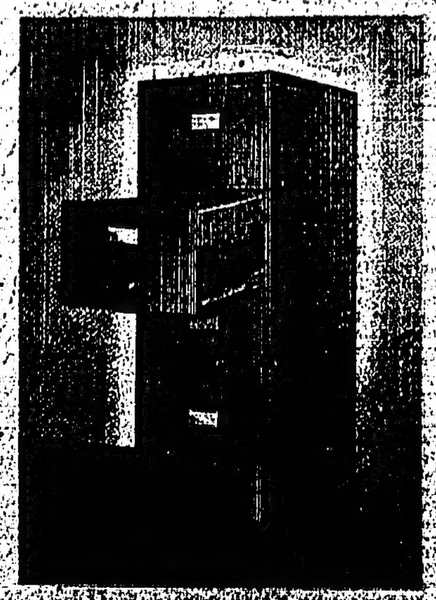

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SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P. W. D. Headquarters on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1950 at 3 p.m.

The area which comprises 1,400 square feet is situated at Pei Ho St., adjoining N.K.I.L. 3571 (West side) and is suitable for residential purposes.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 24th March, 1950, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 9th March, 1950, to Friday, 24th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hong Kong,
Dated this March 3, 1950.

NOTICE

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Friday, the 31st day of March 1950 at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st day of March 1950 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1950

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TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, China Buildings, 5th floor, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 3rd April, 1950, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th March, 1950 to 3rd April, 1950, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors

NG CHUN HONG,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 20, 1950.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RIFLE & REVOLVER CLUB

Members are notified that the revolver shoot for the Sir Arthur Morse Challenge Cup will be held at the Central Police Station gymnasium on Sunday 26th March at 10 a.m. Participants are requested to be present not later than 9.45 a.m.

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The monthly dance will be held on Saturday, 1st April—tickets now on sale at the Club. Tables may be booked

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Habeas corpus summons issued by Court

Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, yesterday issued a summons against the Commissioner of Police and the Superintendent of Prisons on the application of eight Chinese who have been detained pending deportation proceedings.

The summons—hearing of which subject is to start at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow—is for a writ of habeas corpus to show cause why the men's release from custody should not be ordered.

The applicants were all arrested on January 24 while in the premises of the Ping Lok Rattan Workers' Association, of 184 Cheungshawan Road. They are Chiu Ching-keng, Chan Yiu, Cheung So, Tsang Wu, Chiu Ying-cheung, Chan Kui-kwong, To Yim-kong and Chau Tak.

Applicants are all represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva. Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, was present as an observer for the nominal respondents.

In the course of his address yesterday, Mr. Bernacchi said that the position before the Court is whether or not a prima facie case for the writ in question to be issued had been made out.

Counsel stated that 10 men were altogether arrested on January 24, two of whom were charged in connection with a certain wounding with intent. Eight of the men however are still being detained, the police not having been able to find evidence to connect them with the charge.

The police have detained them pending deportation proceedings to be taken, Mr. Bernacchi added.

Warrant for arrest

Counsel told the Court that not until January 27 did the police submit a warrant for their arrest. In between that period of time, the men were not brought up before a magistrate within the stipulated 48 hours.

Mr. Bernacchi submitted in this connection that the applicants were therefore held in unlawful custody.

After quoting numerous legal authorities in support, Mr. Bernacchi submitted that the warrant having been bad, the men should be released.

Mr. Lonsdale here referred the Court to the Police Force Ordinance, and said it set out that under special cases, a period of 72 hours could be adopted by the police after the detention of a man before it was necessary for him to be brought up before a magistrate.

Contending that the detention of the eight men in question was a legal act on the part of the police, Mr. Lonsdale said the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance has laid down powers subject to no conditions other than those contained in the Ordinance.

After Mr. Williams had granted the application for the summons, the hearing proper was fixed at 2.30 tomorrow.

RMS Carthage

RMS Carthage, commanded by Mr. E. R. Bodley, DSO, left Southampton for Hong Kong on March 10. The vessel is due here on April 10. Passengers who will disembark here include the following:

J. Allison, Mrs. A.M. Andrew, F.J. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Bardens, Miss J.G. Beach, Mrs. D.M.J. Biddlecombe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Black, Miss F.C. Black, Miss J.E. Black, D. Borthwick, J. Brown, D.S.F. Budgen, A.W. Camamile, R. McK. Cameron, H.N. Chen, Miss Dincy Cheng, Miss Daisy Cheng, T.H. Chou, J.H. Cocklurn, Mrs. V. Colebrook, Mr. and Mrs. O. Cottrell, R.D.S. Courtney-Browne, S.G. Dark, Mrs. L. Disby, Mrs. E. Dongray, T.F. Edwards, G. Eglinton, Dr. and Mrs. P. Esmonde, Mother G. Fontanari, Mrs O. Gibbons, C.W. Granze, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hackney, G.C. Hamilton, G. Herbert, R. Ho, C.A. Hu, Dr. S.Y. Chung, M.T. Miller, W.S. Kau, G.W. Lanchester, Mrs. C.L. Ling, E.C. Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lumsden, Miss M.A.V. Ma, Mrs. F. Mackenzie, W.J. Malcham, R.W. Martin, J. McWattie, Mr. and Mrs. K. Milburn, W. Mohamed, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morrison, Mrs. M.B. Parsons, E.G. Quirk, H.M. Redman, F.C. Rogers, F.B. Samson, R. Samways, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Sanguinetti, H.T. Schemm, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Scott, Mrs. M.S. Stanhope, Mrs. D. Stanton, Capt. Sir Aubrey St. Clair-Ford and Lady St. Clair-Ford, J.R. Suffren, Dr. and Mrs. T.S. Sze, Mrs. L.M. Thomas, L.A. Tolfree, P.C. Tsoong, Mother M.A. Vernocchi, Miss R. Walker, Mrs. H.F.E. Wall, G.R. Webb, Mrs. D.R.A. Welch, Mrs. A.B. Whiteley, Miss J.D. Whiteley, Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Wight, T.T. Yu, H.H. Yang, F. Young.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Latest contributions to the Kowloon Union Church Organ and Reconstruction Fund are: Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyde HK$100; Messrs. D. Boag and Co. HK$100; Mr. R. H. P. Dart ..... HK$ 25

Further donations may be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. R. H. P. Dart, European YMCA, Salisbury Road, Kowloon.

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Receipt of the undernoted donations to the Union Church Rebuilding Fund have been acknowledged:—

Previously acknowledged $100,731.52; Mr. and Mrs. G. O. W. Stewart $50.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Locke (1950) Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society $1,000.00; Mr. J. Finnie $20.00

Total $102,101.52

Broker gets three months for fraud

A 41-year-old broker, Ma Chi, was sentenced to three months by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for obtaining money by false pretences from a widow, Li Sze, on October 13.

Detective Sub Inspector Hung, who took over the prosecution from Detective Inspector Cochrane, said that Li Sze was introduced to the defendant by her nephew.

The nephew took her to the Ching Wah Kok Teahouse in Wing Lok Street on October 13 where the defendant asked her to finance a smuggling enterprise. She gave him HK$430 to buy goods to be smuggled into China.

The complainant was a widow, whose husband died 15 years ago. She had three sons working in various companies.

After giving the money to the defendant she did not see him again for several months and finally reported the matter to the Police. The defendant was arrested a few days ago and charged.

Assault suspects committed

On a charge of wounding with intent to cause bodily harm, two rattan workers, Li Mun, aged 35, and Chan Hang-po, alias Sze Ng-hui, were committed to stand trial by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecution alleged that on January 13 in Hai Tan Street, Shek Kip Mei Village, defendants, armed with a chopper and a triangularshaped steel instrument, wounded Si Tak-fong, a former Nationalist soldier, in the forehead and stomach.

Mr. B. Bernacchi represented the defendants, while Inspector A. Leslie conducted the case for the prosecution.

Second defendant was also charged with possession of offensive weapons.

PORTUGUESE COASTER

The Portuguese coaster Wah Chung returned to port yesterday after severe battering by rough seas on the way up to Inchon.

The master, Mr. J. Teixeira, reported a sea-pipe was damaged.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FOURTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 25th March, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hongkong Derby (over 250,000 tickets disposed of to date) to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950, which may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

There will be no Special Sweep on the last Race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.— including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel: 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3— including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
G. A. SLKAF,
Secretary.

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ONE advantage of the declarer is that he can see exactly what his side's assets are and knows exactly what forces the enemy has against him. The defenders can't have the same exact information as to the strength of their own side or the other, except as it can be inferred from the bidding and plays as the action moves along. They are at the worst disadvantage of all, when having to guess the opening lead without even having seen the dummy. The declarer and his partner can keep that advantage by not telling them any more during the bidding than is absolutely necessary.

North: S J 10 8 6, H K, D K 8, C A Q J 7 4 2
West: S K 5, H 10 8 7, 5 2, D J 7 5, C 9 6 5
East: S 7 3, H J 4 3, D A Q 6, 3 2, C K 10 3
South: S A Q 9 4 2, H A Q 9 6, D 10 9 4, C 8

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

	Bouth	West	North	East
1.	1 S	Pass	3 S	Pass
	4 S			
2.	1 S	Pass	2 C	Pass
	2 H	Pass	3 S	Pass
	4 S			

Here is another example of the difference between what happens when the defenders receive a minimum of information and a maximum. This deal arose in a duplicate game, where several pairs bid as in the first sequence above and several as in the second.

Where the defenders heard nothing called except spades, West made his natural lead of a heart, the 5. Dummy's singleton K won, the declarer led to the spade A, refusing the finesse, and on the heart A and Q dummy's two diamonds were discarded. Then the club A won, the Q was sent through when East failed to cover, the J was covered and ruffed, and the whole dummy was now established except for a single trick that had to be lost to the spade K.

Notice how the superfluous bidding of side suits helped the defence in the other cases. West's lead, after hearing the heart and club bids, would ordinarily be a trump to curb cross-ruffing. But West disliked leading from his once-guarded spade K. So a diamond was led. Two prompt tricks there, plus a later one with the spade K prevented the two tricks above contract which were taken where no side suits were shown in the auction.

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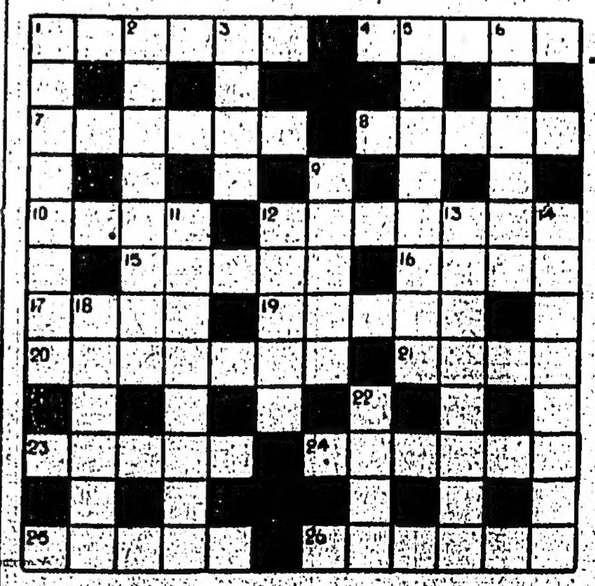
Tomorrow's Problem

North: S J 10 4 3, H Q 8 2, D 6 4, C K Q 10 6
West: S 7, H K J 10 9, 6 4, D 10 9 5 3, C 9 5
East: S A 9 8, 6 2, H 5, D A K J 8, C A 8 7
South: S K Q 5, H A 7 3, D Q 7 2, C J 4 3 2

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable).

What would you consider the soundest bidding policy on this deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Ascends. 4 Song. 7 Snuggle. 8 Expressions. 10 Break. 12 Allegory. 15 Bear's name. 16 Abound. 17 Unoccupied. 19 Column. 20 Formed. 21 Disparagement. 23 Fool. 24 Tool. 25 Pale. 26 Dashing fellows.

Down

1 Monk-like. 2 Wobbly. 3 Tax. 5 Repents. 6 Fall down. 9 Lost strength. 11 Introduction. 12 Longs for. 13 Roared. 14 Gems. 18 Languishes. 22 Spoken.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Affluent, 8 Recall, 9 Lengthen, 11 Corrodes, 12 Fell, 13 Recur, 15 Does, 19 Hied, 23 Deputised, 24 Deviates, 25 Aerate, 26 Withhold.

DOWN—1 Track, 2 Scarf, 3 Allowed, 4 Fled, 5 Lets, 6 Echoed, 7 Tangle, 10 Negus, 14 Cover, 16 Refused, 18 Shadow, 17 Velvet, 20 Vicar, 21 Revel, 22 Dash, 23 Real.

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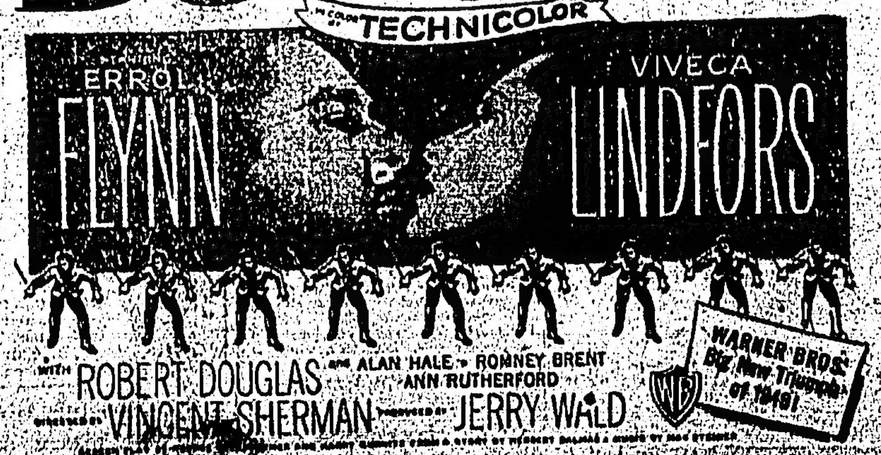

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CHINA

Rome, March 20.

Two Catholic journalists who recently returned from China said in a detailed report that while religious freedom in the full sense does not exist under the Chinese Communist Government, there is no direct religious persecution.

The Reverend Nicholas Maestrini, managing editor of the "China Missionary Bulletin", and Reverend Patrick O'Connor, National Catholic Welfare Conference correspondent, made the statement at the International Conference of the Catholic Press which met in Rome.

"The government proclaims a policy of guaranteeing religious freedom but explains this as freedom of internal worship. It does not admit freedom to propagate religion, while it guarantees freedom to criticise and oppose religion. The government shows openly that it regards religion as the opiate of the people, but many of the actual annoyances and restrictions imposed on the Church depend on the attitude of local authorities."

Their report follows:

Freedom of Belief—The main direct interference with freedom of belief seems to occur with Catholic students and Catholic government employees. They have to submit to intensive indoctrination courses especially prepared for them. In general nobody in Communist China can escape some obligatory indoctrination courses. The effects of these efforts at indoctrination vary.

Freedom of Worship—While a widespread atmosphere of intimidation exists, especially in Northern provinces which have been Communist-ruled for a longer period, Catholics are free to attend church services. In some places, the attendance has increased in spite of changed conditions. Frequently in the North, where the Communist position has been consolidated, they ban religious services during daylight hours on the plea of safeguarding productive work.

Dialectic materialism

Freedom of Education—Fu Jen, the Catholic university of Peking, and Aurora, the Catholic university in Shanghai, continue to function with some of their religious faculty members. In spite of the imposed teaching of dialectic materialism, they enjoy some peace. Tskiku University in Tientsin is now having difficulties and may soon pass out of Catholic control.

Indoctrination courses are imposed on every school, public and private. Many mission schools have already been taken over by local Communist authorities. In Manchuria all the Catholic schools except one high school and the primary school in Mukden, have been taken over by. All except a few dozen schools in North China have been taken out of Catholic hands and placed under state administration.

Religion may be taught, but only after school hours. Where the religious teachers have remained and the Communists have sometimes found necessary to retain them in order to keep the school going—they usually exert a stendying influence.

Catholic Press—No newspapers or periodicals exist in China proper or Manchuria except those that follow the Communist Party line. Hence the infant Catholic press of China has disappeared. But Catholic book and pamphlet publishing continues.

Catholic Buildings — In the cities, Church buildings are not molested but in the country they are often borrowed for Communist meetings. Usually the same building can be used for mass, though the frequent requisitioning by the Communists deprives the people of the habitual use of their church. This commandeering of Church buildings in China did not begin with the Communists but has occurred frequently during wars. In some places, Communists have returned Churches to the missionaries, even after two years of occupation.

Hospitals—Very few Catholic hospitals have been taken over, but the rest have not had easy times. They are often administered by committees in which Catholic staff members have little voice. Some Catholic hospitals are more heavily taxed than others and at least two of them have been subjected to rankly unfair prosecution and penalties.

Welfare work

General Welfare Work—The Catholic Committee of China is still functioning through its regional offices in spite of financial difficulties and hampering restrictions according to its executive secretary. Recently the Shanghai office of the Committee distributed more than US$27,000 for effective use by Catholic hospitals and orphanages throughout 10 provinces.

Taxation—Catholic institutions suffer with everybody else under a general programme of heavy taxation. There is no evidence that they are more heavily taxed than others, neither is any consideration shown for the religious, educational or charitable nature of their work.

Personal Restrictions—No consideration is shown for religious work or for special necessity of constant travel to outlying missions and to attend sick calls. Missionaries move freely in the large cities: in rural areas—where most of China's Catholics dwell—foreign missionaries encounter restrictions frequently but not everywhere.

Chinese priests move more freely but they, too, are hampered. Wherever priests, Chinese or foreign, can show some materially productive aspect to their journey—such as peddling goods or giving medical service to the sick—they obtain permission more easily.

Foreign Missionaries — are allowed to leave China, but none are allowed to enter. Presumably permission to enter would depend on recognition by the country of the missionary's origin. The missionaries, Chinese and foreign, experience many intangible difficulties and live under constant suspense. They are at the mercy of the Communist authorities who may at any time convene a "People's Court" to try them on the most flimsy pretexts. Many have had to take up manual labour, farming or weaving, to support themselves and justify their presence in China by Communist standards.

In Manchuria—the life of the Church has been practically paralysed. In North China restrictions are very serious, some missions in the centre and South more recently brought under Communist rule had had little real trouble so far. Whether this difference is merely a matter of time table, the coming months will say.

The Chinese people, in general, have not been won over by the Communists. Many who, without embracing Communism, had looked hopefully to the change in Government, have been alienated.—United Press.

QUAKE SHAKES CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, March 20.

An earthquake shook the Sacramento Valley today but there were no reports of damage.

Residents of valley towns called the police and newspapers to report rattling windows. Officials at Chico received only a few calls.

The fairly strong quake, centring in the Chico-Sacramento-Reno area, was recorded by seismographs at two universities. The University of California placed the epicentre about 187 miles North or North East of Berkeley. It said it should have been pretty strong in Chico.

At Reno, the University of Nevada said the epicentre was placed 120 miles West or South West of Reno and was fairly strong. Seismologists in Nevada said one needle of their recording machines was thrown off the track by the quake.

Berkeley scientists said the tremor lasted eight minutes.—United Press.

Increase in Japanese population

Tokyo, March 20.

Japan's population increased by 1,773,296 last year in spite of the largest abortion rate in Japan's history, a 10 per cent decline in marriages and an increase in the divorce rate.

The Welfare Ministry announcement today said one Japanese was born every 11.6 seconds in 1949 while Japanese died at the rate of one every 17.9 seconds. The announcement revealing a climbing birth rate and a declining death rate, emphasised the growing acuteness of Japan's population problem.

The Ministry said births last year totalled 2,724,026, which was 14,000 more than the previous year. Deaths totalled 950,730, a decline of 8,000 from the year before.

The announcement said there were 103,001 stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, of which abortions accounted for 75,585.

Marriages declined by 114,000 to 840,026 while divorces increased by roughly 3,000 to 82,873.—United Press.

POLAND FOLLOWS THE PATTERN

Washington, March 20.

Poland today asked the United States to reduce the size of the American military and air staff in Warsaw, the State Department announced.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department spokesman, said that a Polish note making the request was sent through the United States Embassy in Warsaw.

Its tone was mild, he added. The note claimed that the size of the present American military and air staff is much larger than it was before the war and asked for a reduction.

Mr. McDermott said that there is a very definite pattern in the satellite countries to reduce the United States representation behind the "Iron Curtain."

Hungary made a similar request some time ago. All United States officials left Bulgaria when the United States broke off diplomatic relations with that country last month.—Reuter.

THAILAND KING IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, March 20.

King Phumiphon Aduldet of Thailand impatiently paced the deck of the liner Selandia for half an hour today waiting to be welcomed to Singapore.

The Danish ship docked a half hour earlier than expected. Sir Patrick McKerron, Acting Governor of the Colony, did not arrive at the wharf until the announced docking time of the Selandia.

But when the welcome did come off, the King and his fiancee, Princess Sirikit Kitiyakara, were greeted with all the pomp and ceremony fit for a king and his future queen.

King Phumiphon Aduldet is on the way to Bangkok for his coronation on May 5.—Associated Press.

Spender on co-operation in Pacific

Melbourne, March 20.

Mr. Percy G. Spender, Australian External Affairs Minister, called again today for closer relations between Australia and the United States because of their common interests in the Western Pacific.

"We agree the situation in South East Asia calls for urgent action of a positive nature," Mr. Spender said.

The United States and Australia, he continued, should work out together policies and plans in relation to the Western Pacific and South East Asia.

Mr. Spender said Australia is eager to draw up plans of action and would welcome suggestions and advice from the United States.—Associated Press.

RASH OF STRIKES IN ITALY

Rome, March 20.

Communist-inspired strikes broke out in five key Northern Italian cities today following angry Communist-inspired rallies protesting against the new public security measures.

The Communist-controlled General Confederation of Labour in Rome called for an emergency executive session to decide on further forms of action.

Thousands of workers left their jobs in Genoa, Milan, Bologna, Florence and Pisa and marched to central squares where Communist speakers told them the Government's new public security measures, which would ban such rallies, were not democratic.

Police riot squads hemmed in the demonstrators, but only minor incidents were reported. These occurred at Milan and Pisa. No arrests were made and no injuries reported.

A group of strikers halted a passenger train for one hour at Abbiate Grasso, near Milan, until Carabinieri dispersed them. Reinforced police groups were stationed at all strategic points within the city itself.—United Press.

CINEMA FIRE CAUSES PANIC

Athens, March 20.

Screaming women with children in their arms battled with police as a panic-stricken audience stampeded from a burning cinema here last night.

Seven women and one old man were found dead when the panic ended.

Twenty-seven people, mainly women and children, were taken to hospital badly injured.

When the police entered the building, more than 40 people were lying on the floor and a child, trampled in the rush for the doors, was crying, "Mummy—I am not dead".

Flames coming from the projection room scared the audience of 450 people who rushed the main entrance, ignoring extra safety doorways.—Reuter.

SPENDER VISIT TO MANILA

Melbourne, March 19.

The Australian minister of External Affairs, Mr. Percy Spender, said today that he will be the official guest of President Quirino in the Philippines this week.—United Press.

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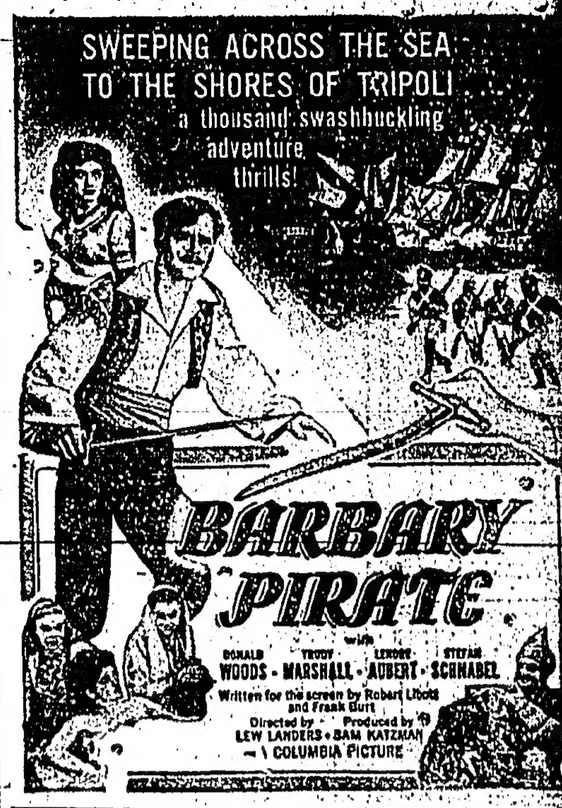

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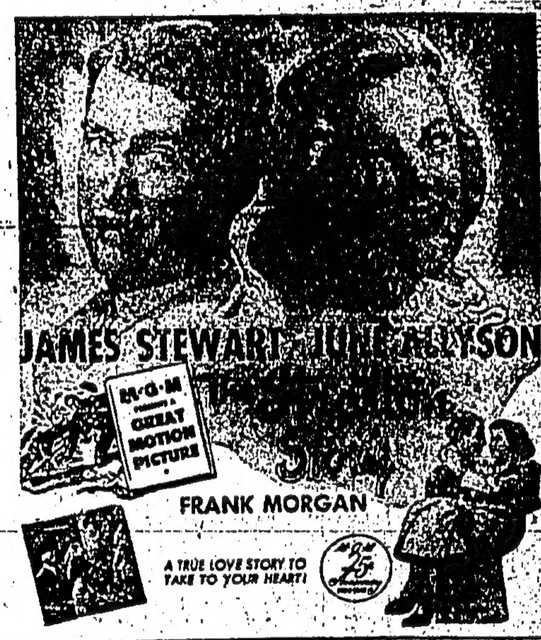

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THE WAR OF THE PLACARDS

Vienna, March 20.

Travellers from Bucharest are apt to smile when they tell you about the "War of the Placards" which had just ended somewhat abruptly in the Rumanian capital.

They say it is the story behind the Rumanian closure of the British Information Office in Bucharest the week before last. Apparently the zealous Information Office erected in their garden, facing a much-frequented street, a display board four feet by six feet, posted with pictures of British life.

The Rumanian Communist Party noticed that crowds gathered to look at the pictures, so they dug a hole in the pavement facing the Information Office and erected their own large circular display board.

When the British improved their placards by flood-lighting at night, the Rumanian Communist Party replied with still stronger lighting.

When the Communists made their board more splendid by painting a broad red border round it, the British replied by painting a broad blue border round their board.

When the British put up pictures of Royal Air Force planes, the Communists covered their board with placards of air ambulances in the service of mankind.

Pictures of British colonial development were matched by pictures showing alleged colonial depression, and finally pictures of the British General Election were answered by pictures entitled "Five Years of Treachery by the Labour Government."

It soon became obvious that at least five people looked at the British display to every one who looked at the Rumanian one. So, say the arrivals from Bucharest, the order was given that the Information Office must be closed down.—Reuter.

UK NOT WARNED ABOUT FUCHS

London, March 20.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today, in reply to a question, that the Government did not receive any warning about Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the atom scientist spy, from the Canadian Government when the Canadian Royal Commission was sitting in 1946.

Fuchs was sentenced in London to 14 years' imprisonment for betraying secrets to Soviet Russia.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, asked the Prime Minister if he knew that the Soviet Ambassador in Canada at the time of the Canadian spy trial, M. George Zarubin, was implicated in that trial, and that M. Zarubin, now Soviet Ambassador to Britain, had gone to Russia.

Was that the reason, he asked? M. Attlee did not reply.—Reuter.

Pampered Pandas

Himalayan Brown Pandas arrived at London Airport recently after a 5,000-mile flight by BOAC from Calcutta. They were en route to the zoo at Basle, Switzerland. The picture shows the pandas being fed their first meal in England by a BOAC receptionist, Marjorie Hewitt, who gave them porridge, bamboo shoots and dates.

Migrants meeting union opposition

Sydney, March 20.

Thousands of migrants cannot get jobs in Australia's heavy industry today because of obstruction by employers, unions and Communists.

Although bitterly opposed on many issues, the new Liberal Government and the anti-Communist Australian Labour Party, losers in December's election, are united in seeking medicine to cure a growing industrial stomach ache.

The Government says it will soon introduce legislation—in the teeth of a hostile Senate—to outlaw the Communist Party, compel secret union ballots and remove known Communists from union offices.

Labour says it will fight such interference in union affairs and believes it is a mistake to outlaw the Communist Party. It thinks Communists can best be fought in the open and that pressure to eliminate them from organised labour must come from unionists themselves.

Labour as well as Conservative critics charge that "Commos" who control key heavy industry unions are following Kremlin directives in trying to keep DP's out of these organisations.

"Their interest in barring New Australians is in Moscow's interests to prevent the strengthening of the Commonwealth, and to keep production down," the Sydney "Morning Herald" charged.

Old dislike

The Australian Communist Party's mouthpiece, "Tribune" has campaigned against DP's since the first shipload of migrants sponsored by the International Refugee Organisation arrived in Australia three years ago.

Not all unions which resist migrant membership or impose numerous conditions on migrant workers are Communist-dominated, however. Within the Australian labour movement there is some traditional dislike of the foreigner, which stems back over half a century to the origin of the White Australia policy, in defence against cheap Asiatic labour.

Arthur A. Calwell, former Immigration Minister and father of the country's booming migration programme, conceived an Immigration Planning Council which enlisted the aid of industrialists, union leaders, church and other civic leaders. The Prime Minister, Robert G. Menzies, and Mr. Calwell's successor, Harold E. Holt, are using this council as the key instrument of foster smoother assimilation of migrants into the national life.—United Press.

RUSSIANS LECTURE IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 20.

Peking Radio reported tonight that the three Soviet professors who are on a lecture tour in Communist China left Peking yesterday for Tientsin.

A total of 25,000 people heard their lectures while they were in Peking, the Radio added.—Reuter.

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SAIGON RIOTS SHOWED COMMUNIST STRENGTH

Saigon, March 20.

The week-end riots are viewed here as proof of the Vietnamese Government's inability to maintain security and showing the Communists are even stronger in Saigon than has been estimated.

The disturbances are most embarrassing to the Vietnamese, who recently took over the police system, in which former French executives were retained only as advisers.

Even the Vietnamese police admitted that quick action by experienced police could have quelled the disturbances before becoming an uncontrolled riot.

Some of the 50 police who answered the riot call arrived at the city hall without riot sticks to defend themselves.

The police claim they warned city officials that Communist manifestations were to be expected over the week-end, but said the mayor never approved requests for extra security.

The French here are making no attempt to hide their satisfaction over the riots, claiming this would be an example of the inability of the Vietnamese to maintain law and order without French direction.

However they quickly added that they could not have interfered anyway, as it was a purely Vietnamese affair, wherein they were helpless to give military aid unless the Vietnamese requested them to do so.

Ammunition for Communists

The Vietnamese, on their part, realised that such a request would show the world they were unable to run their Government.

French military sources believe the events showed the visiting American navy men an acute need for American aid, and especially the need for having such aid administered by the French.

None doubt that the rioting gave the leftist Viet-minh new propaganda ammunition for use against both the Americans and the Bao Dai regime.

Communist propagandists are expected to clarion the claim that they drove the Americans out of town. All United States naval leaves were cancelled early on Sunday night, and the American destroyers left a few hours later.

United States Navy spokesmen, who for obvious reasons chose to remain unidentified, were unhappy over the whole thing. They said they did not want to come here in the first place, but followed State Department directives which said the French had requested a show of strength to encourage the Bao Dai regime.

The Navy efforts to create good will were obviously outclassed by Communist agitation bent on convincing the people that the visit was a show of force by the imperialist Americans supporting their puppet, Bao Dai.

Alleged instigator arrested

There are undisputed instances of sullen natives shoving Americans around on Sunday, and undoubtedly trouble would have resulted if the mobs had not been cleared off the streets on Sunday night.

Meanwhile, the police arrested Nguyen Huu-tho, a local lawyer, on charges of instigating the riots, and announced that further arrests are expected.

The lawyer was seized on orders from the Vietnam Premier, Nguyen Phan-long, after 3,000 students and 1,000 workers, sympathetic to Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, had set fire to the central market place and burned 15 cars and lorries before being dispersed by police bullets and tear gas.

The crowd tried to reach the dock near the American destroyers, but the police stopped them. During the rioting, American and French flags were torn down.

The French army at Hanoi reported that 28 Communist guerillas were killed, and about 100 captured in a recent clash with French forces in the Bac-ninh area, 20 miles North East of Hanoi.—United Press.

COUNTERFEITS SEIZED IN PI

Manila, March 21.

Seizure of approximately US$400,000 counterfeit U.S. money in $50 bills was reported today by city detectives.

Police said that the seizure, made yesterday afternoon, brought the arrest of two men believed to be key figures in a counterfeit ring that has been flooding the Islands with bogus American notes. Names of the suspects were withheld.

The seizure and the arrests followed more than two months of sleuthing during which Edward A. Jensen, a former dentist of Ogren, Utah, was arrested on charges of possession of counterfeit notes.

Police believe that Jensen was one of several persons who has been buying the bogus money from the counterfeit gang.—Associated Press.

Strong stand by U.S. in Berlin

Berlin, March 20.

The Western Allies will have sufficient troops in Berlin at Whitsun to deal with any disorders arising from the mass "peace rally" planned by the Communist-dominated Free German Youth movement, the American High Commissioner, Mr. James McCloy, told a Press conference here today.

"I hope that troops will not be necessary, but we shall not stand for any violence or disorders", he said.

He stated that the High Commissioners have not yet made up their minds whether they will spend Whitsun in Berlin.

"I shall certainly be here if I am needed," he said.—Reuter.

FORESTRY WORK IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 20.

The Chinese Communist authorities are shortly to begin tree planting on a large scale, the Ministry of Forestry at Peking having just called upon all provincial governments to start forestry work before Spring cultivation.

The Ministry has told all the provincial authorities that to offset flood and sand storms masses of land workers should be organised to plant trees on barren hills, on the borders of deserts, river-banks, sea coasts and along highways and railways.

The Ministry itself plans to organise afforestation co-operatives in big afforestation areas. These co-operatives, according to Peking Radio tonight, have proved successful in West Hopei.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN MISSION IN BRITAIN

London, March 20.

Questions about the size of the Russian Mission in London were asked in Parliament today.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies, told Mr. Martin Lindsay, Conservative, that the number notified to the British Government is 187.

"But I have reason to believe that this figure is about twice the actual one owing to the failure of the Embassy to notify departures as they have taken place," he added.

In addition to the Embassy staff, there are roughly 72 employed by Soviet agencies in London. Only two of them have diplomatic immunity.

Mr. Davies told the same questioner that Britain employs 80 people in Poland.—Reuter.

Ho Chi-minh calls for offensive

San Francisco, March 20.

The Chinese Communists today quoted Ho Chi-minh's Vietnam as calling for a general counter-offensive against the French and the French-sponsored Bao Dai regime in Indo-China.

The Peking Radio, in a broadcast heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, quoted "the Voice of Vietnam" as saying: "The only way to put an end to the present war in Vietnam is to speed up preparations for a general counter-offensive against the French imperialists and their lackeys, the Bao Dai Government."

It added that any talk of negotiated peace was absurd and that "Vietnam will never deal with a traitor otherwise than through court martial."—Associated Press.

BERLIN CURRENCY CRISIS

Berlin, March 20.

The Russian Zone's Eastmark rose slightly in value today over Saturday's all-time low, but a haircut in Eastern Berlin still cost the equivalent of three cents in American money.

Currency exchange offices in West Berlin reported that sales were brisk when they opened. One Westmark would buy 8.30 Eastmarks, while it took 8.50 Eastmarks to buy one Westmark.

The panic of buying and selling which gripped Berliners on Friday and Saturday seemed to have subsided. Last night the black market was quoting a rate of 11 to one. The price even today was so low that eight dollars American money exchanged into Western marks at the legal rate, then converted into the Russian-backed Eastmarks, at exchange offices resulted in the equivalent of one month's wages as paid to secretaries or store clerks in East Germany.

There has been no satisfactory explanation for the sudden drop of the Eastmark. Both East and West have accused each other of creating the situation.

Until Friday, the Eastmark had held steady at seven to one for several months. In East Germany, however, the official rate is one Eastmark to one Westmark—but it is against the law for Russian Zone Germans to have Westmark.—United Press.

DEADLOCK ON WAGES ISSUE

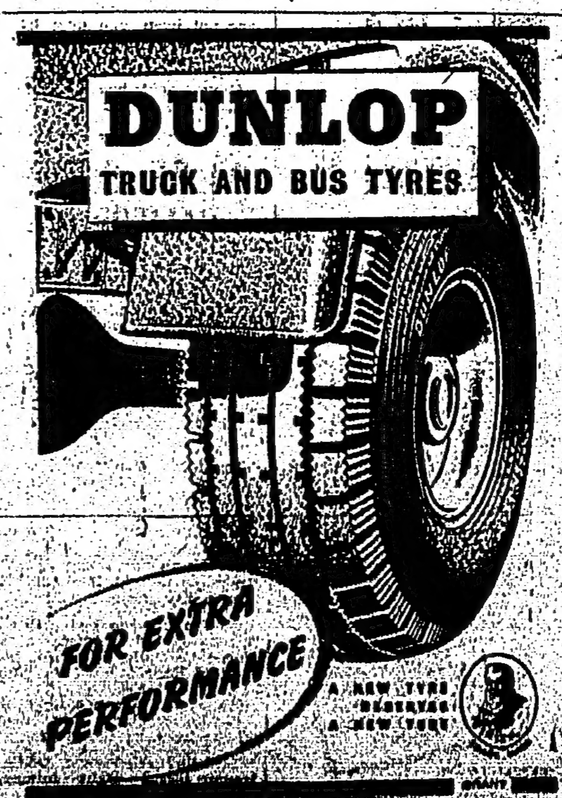
Paris, March 20.

A French Cabinet conflict between those who would raise wages by eight per cent to break the national strike wave and those who would grant only five per cent remains unsettled today.

Meanwhile the back-to-work trend was accentuated today. All 36,000 men employed at the Paris Renault works restarted today with a five per cent wage increase.

Over 100,000 steel workers have gone back but there are still 230,000 men out.

In Paris, the black spot remains the gas and electricity workers who, except for mobilised key men, have been on strike for 12 days, leaving many householders with almost no gas and no hot baths for more a week.—Reuter.



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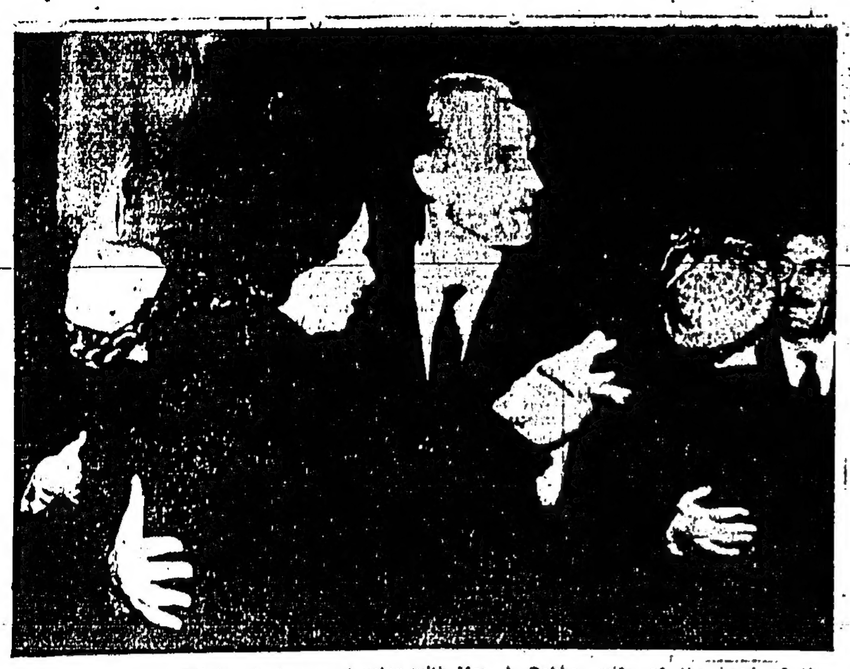

The Duke of Edinburgh is seen dancing with Mrs. A. Bobba, wife of the head of the Tourist Commission in San Remo, Italy, at the San Remo Golf Club, where the Duke is now on holiday.—Associated Press Photo.

Bishops will resist the Czech Gov't

Vatican City, March 20.

Monsignor Beran, Archbishop of Prague, and the Catholic Bishops will resist the Czechoslovak Government even to martyrdom in the struggle between Church and State, Monsignor Ottavio de Liva, the expelled Vatican envoy, declared tonight.

Monsignor de Liva, who arrived in Rome by air today from Prague, was Charge d'Affaires of the Papal Nunciature to Czechoslovakia. He was expelled at three days' notice by the Czechoslovak Government on charges of interfering with the country's internal affairs.

"When I saw Archbishop Beran only five days ago he was admirably tranquil and serene, despite nine months of imprisonment in his palace in Prague," the youthful bespectacled Vatican diplomat told Reuter.

"He and the Bishops are strong and confident. They will suffer martyrdom rather than give in to the unjust demands of the Czechoslovak Government."

Monsignor de Liva will be received by the Pope within the next few days.

Vatican circles hope that Czechoslovakia will accept another Vatican Charge d'Affaires to Prague to take Monsignor de Liva's place.

Monsignor de Liva told Reuter that nearly 300 Czech priests have been imprisoned. He added that he had been expelled from Czechoslovakia on trumped-up charges based on a tissue of lies and calumnies.

"I was accused of stimulating the Bishops to resistance, and even of stimulating miracles," he said.

Diplomats praised

Monsignor de Liva paid tribute to the solidarity of the rest of the Diplomatic Corps when they heard of his expulsion by the Czechoslovak Government.

Vatican circles said tonight that only the prompt backing of the remainder of the Diplomatic Corps in Prague saved Monsignor de Liva from arrest and imprisonment.

Catholic bishops appear today to be the only clergymen in Czechoslovakia who have not yet sworn loyalty to the Communist regime. All non-Catholic Church leaders pledged their allegiance today before the Prime Minister, M. Antonin Zapotocky.

The lower and middle clergy, the Catholic Church included, had done so in a series of ceremonies earlier this year.

Ceteka, the official Czech news agency, reported that Catholic clergymen at a first State-guided conference yesterday had called for co-operation with the State and had condemned the opposition by their own leaders and the Vatican.

These, they declared, according to the agency, sought to drive the clergy into a quite useless conflict with the State.

A Congress of 1,000 pro-Government Catholic priests at Banjska Bistrica today accused the Vatican of persecuting Father Jan Dechet, who was excommunicated by Rome for accepting a State appointment.

Dechet, 42-year-old son of a farm labourer, was appointed Managing Administrator of the vacant Bishopate of Banjska Bistrica earlier this year.

A proclamation by the Congress promised to "remain faithful to our homeland, President Gottwald and the people." It added: "We can no longer put up with attempts to foment disquiet, and want with all our strength to work for calm and security."—Reuter.

BROOKE ASKS TO RETURN

London, March 20.

Mr. Anthony Brooke, the Rajah Muda of Sarawak, today wrote to the Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr. T. F. Cook, asking on what conditions he might return to Sarawak to proceed with a libel action.

He said the British Government had created a precedent by giving Seretse Khama permission to return to Bechuanaland for a private lawsuit after it had banned him from the Proctectorate for five years.

Mr. Brooke, in his letter, recalled that he initiated a libel suit in the Sarawak Courts in July, 1947, but was obliged to discontinue it in view of the ban on his entry into the territory.

He stated that his application to go to Sarawak was refused by the Sarawak Government in spite of an undertaking to leave immediately the case had been heard.

He added: "His Majesty's Government have recently given permission to Mr. Seretse Khama, who has been banned from the Bechuanaland Protectorate, to proceed there in certain conditions for the purpose of private litigation.

"Following this precedent, I shall be grateful if you will inform me on what conditions I may return to Sarawak to proceed with my libel action."—Reuter.

CONDITIONS IN SHANTUNG

San Francisco, March 20.

Shantung is today well on the way to complete economic recovery, Peking Radio claimed tonight.

Revived industries are doing well and many pre-war production standards have been surpassed in several fields, it said. Seven per cent more coal, for instance, is today being produced than during the period before the war against Japan.

Land has been distributed to peasants in three-fourths of the Province and the rest will be portioned out this year. Preparations for Spring sowing to produce the highest-ever yields of grain and cotton are now vigorously proceeding, Peking Radio added.—Reuter.

SPY TRIAL IN MORAVIA

Prague, March 20.

Prague Radio reported today that the trial has begun in Hodonin, in Southern Moravia, of a group of terrorists, spies and saboteurs in the service of the American, Vatican and French Intelligence services.

It said that the group began their activities in 1948 and brought them to a head with the murder of a policeman.

The Radio said that the trial was taking place in the local headquarters of the Sokol Sports Organisation and that shock workers got front seats. No other details were immediately available.—Reuter.

KAREN CAPITAL RECAPTURED

Rangoon, March 20.

Government troops have seized Toungoo, capital of the rebel Karen tribesmen.

A communique today said the Karens withdrew from the city 180 miles North of Rangoon without resistance in the face of a Government drive.

Karens, fighting for two years for an independent State of Karenistan, occupied Toungoo a year ago. They set up a complete administration, including a Cabinet.

The Burma Government said its forces liberated many civilians gaoled in Toungoo for refusing to accept the Karen regime. Burma civil officials are entering the city to re-establish a loyal administration.—Associated Press.

SERETSE CHANGES HIS MIND

London, March 20.

Seretse Khama, exiled chief of the Bamangwato tribe, who was to have left by air for South Africa to see his English wife and attend to law business, has changed his mind.

His lawyer said tonight that it was decided he should stay here until the promised Government White Paper on his case is published so that he can be on the spot to deal with it.

The White Paper is expected in a day or two.—Reuter

POPE MAY APPOINT "CABINET" TO RUN CHURCH AFFAIRS

Vatican City, March 20.

The Pope may appoint a three-man "Cabinet" of new Cardinals to head a reorganised government of the Catholic Church, usually reliable sources said today.

Three new Cardinals will be appointed in May, these sources said, and under the guidance of the Pope, they will direct all the Church's internal administration and foreign relations.

The move is believed to be part of a widespread plan by which the Pope hopes to strengthen the Central Government of the Church as a major step in combating atheistic Communism throughout the world.

It is understood that 59-year-old Monsignor Alfredo Ottaviani, the Assessor of the Vatican Holy Office, will be responsible to the Pope as the "Prime Minister" of the new Cabinet.

The post will be entirely new—a kind of Vatican "Superintendent of State"—taking off the shoulders of the Pope some of the immense weight of the co-ordination of Vatican affairs, the reports said.

His fellow Cardinals and "Ministers" in the Inner Cabinet will handle exclusively foreign relations and diplomacy.

The reports indicate that they will be 62-year-old Monsignor Domenico Tardini and 51-year-old Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, who will become the twin heads of the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Chiefs of section

The two prelates are already responsible, under the Pope, for the Church's foreign diplomacy. But under the proposed reform they will have the rank of Cardinals and the title of Chiefs of Section.

The Office of Secretary of State will be completely abolished, it is believed. It has been vacant since the present Pope was crowned, because he preferred to keep the most important diplomatic affairs in his own hands.

Monsignor Montini will continue to deal with all ordinary matters of diplomacy, relations with Papal envoys abroad and questions of protocol with the title of Chief of the Secretariat of State, Section for Ordinary Affairs.

Monsignor Tardini will deal, as now, with exceptional cases of foreign diplomacy, politics, treaties or diplomatic incidents, with the title of Chief of Section for Extraordinary Affairs.

According to the Vatican reports, the three new Cardinals may be nominated by the Pope at a special Consistory in May. Later, probably in December, the Holy Year may reach a climax by a great Consistory at which the remaining 13 Cardinals will be appointed to fill the vacant seats in the Sacred College.

Non-Italians

It is expected that most of the new Cardinals then appointed will be non-Italians.

A second stage of the reform in Church government is expected next year.

It is believed that the Pope may then increase the number of Cardinals in the Sacred College from 70—the figure at which it has stood for the past three centuries—to 100.

This would allow the creation of more Cardinals representing the "new" nations of Asia, America and Australia who have at present far too few Cardinals in proportion to those representing Europe.—Reuter.

Acheson resignation denied

Key West, Florida, March 20.

The White House denounced as complete fabrication recent reports that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Fred Vinson, might replace the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson.

Mr. Truman, through his Press Secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, said he had no intention of removing Mr. Acheson, and that there is no truth to the report. The President believes the Secretary of State is running his Department admirably.

Mr. Ross volunteered the denial to the Press. He said: "The rumours are completely without foundation." This applied also to reports that Mr. Acheson and Justice Vinson might switch jobs. He reiterated that Mr. Vinson's stay here since last week was purely social.—United Press.

GOLD RUSH IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, March 20.

Gold miners with picks and shovels tore up the main street of Wedderburn, 120 miles North West of here, today after a grocery clerk found a US$3,000 nugget.

Real estate offices and town officials prepared for a boom as hundreds of queries poured in to verify the finding of the 70-ounce nugget on Thursday.

Albert Smith, who dug up the nugget, competed with other miners in an effort to locate the reef of gold which they believe runs under the town. Miners disrupted traffic on the town's main thoroughfare, Wilson Avenue.

The owner of the Wedderburn Hotel began digging in his front yard today and said he already had unearthed one small nugget.—United Press.

NEWSMEN GAOLED FOR INSULTS

Milan, March. 20.

A Milan Appeal Court today confirmed the sentences of one year's imprisonment on two Italian Communist journalists who insulted Egypt's monarch, King Farouk.

The journalists, Corrado de Vita, Director of "Milano Sera", and Franco Martinelli, a member of his staff, were responsible for an article which stated in part: "Farouk is too fond of women and his subjects await the day when he will occupy himself not so much with women, as with the affairs of State."

The two journalists were convicted under an Italian law which forbids insults against the heads of foreign States.—Reuter.

More petrol for holiday motorists

London, March 20.

The Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, announced in the House of Commons today that the petrol ration will be doubled for the three summer months of June, July, and August.

This will allow the average motorist enough fuel to drive 160 miles during each of the bonus months.—United Press.

ERP CUT VOTED

Washington, March 20.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee today voted to cut $1,000,000,000 in cash from the 1951 European recovery spending and substitute an equivalent amount of surplus American farm commodities.

The Committee overrode the Administration's suggestions in accepting an amendment by a Republican Representative at a closed session.

The vote was not disclosed.

The amendment reduces the 1951 spending authority to $1,950,000,000—$1,000,000,000 less than provided in the Administration's Bill.

The Commodity Credit Corporation would, under the amendment, make available surplus farm products valued at $1,000,000,000 at market prices.

The amendment represents the first major change in the 1951 foreign spending bill now being worked out by the Foreign Affairs Committee for submission to the House.

Mr. John Khee, Democrat Representative and the Committee's Chairman, told reporters he believed that the change would cripple both the ECA and the Administration's "farm support" programme.—Reuter.

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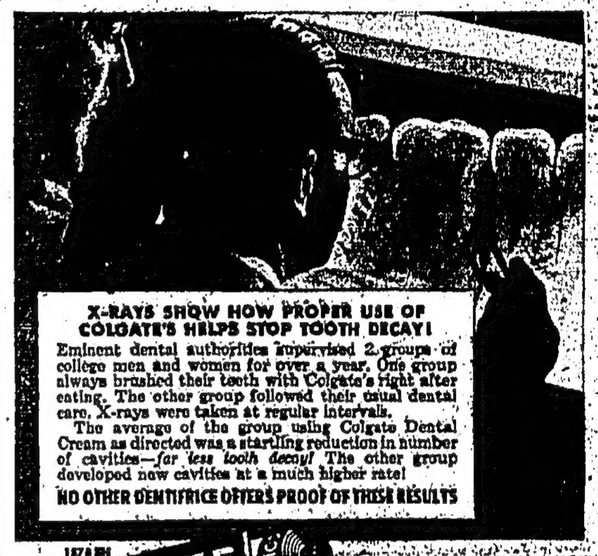

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THE DISASTER IN CHINA

China is suffering from one of the greatest natural disasters of the century. Aid for Asia is one of the outstanding topics of the day. It is tragic that at such a time the new regime in Peking should be engaging in bitter tirades against the one country that could give her help on the colossal scale needed. The Peking authorities have themselves admitted that seven millions are suffering from famine. Other figures indicate that twice this number are actually in danger of starvation. Still larger numbers are directly or indirectly affected, and people are fleeing from large tracts of the worst areas.

This is especially true of Shantung, one of the most severely stricken provinces of all. The Vice-Chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government, Kuo Tze-hua, is quoted as saying that the provinces had been struck by a whole succession of disasters—drought, floods, epidemics, typhoons, hailstorms and insect pests: presumably the locusts which are always a danger in periods of drought in North China. His estimate of refugees (between 30 and 40 million) is pretty nearly the entire population of the province, and is scarcely consistent with the statement that the flooded area is only 12 per cent of the farm land, except on the assumption that many people in other areas have been seized with heedless panic. Indeed, the Shantung Vice-Chairman blames the mass exodus on the poor leadership of the responsible officials and their failure to cope with the crisis.

He also made some staggering revelations about the drain on Shantung's man power. Since the summer of 1946, more than two million men from the province were either mobilised in the People's Army or in the militia on the front lines. In addition there were huge numbers working in the rear, as he puts it, and he estimated the "total number of civilian troops" in the province at the incredible figure of twelve and a half million. Presumably these are former guerilla bands, conscripted labour, and Nationalist deserters. Levies of grain since 1946, he went on, amounted to 6,150 million catties. After due allowances for the fantastic nature of the figures cited, the picture still remains a fearful one of acute disaster piled upon a vast collapse of law and order and of even basic administration.

Sympathetic parties are said to be coming here to solicit aid. It is not money that is needed: it is food, seed grain and similar supplies, not obtainable here. In previous disasters of this sort, China was able to depend upon the immediate help of the United States, Britain, Australia and other Western countries. International Famine Relief bodies administered that aid and saw to it that it was most effective. That help is more urgently needed now than ever before, and ought to be sought irrespective of "face" or politics, to save the lives of millions now in jeopardy. Yet Peking has chosen precisely this moment to assert the right of China to speak for all Asia and tell Mr. Acheson that the affairs of Asia are no business of his.

There would be no purpose in dwelling on this tirade so soon after all East Asia had been liberated from the occupation of one Asian nation which tried to conquer the rest of Asia—a liberation in which the United States and the Commonwealth forces played the chief role. It seems to us that in the face of this disaster, Peking would have been much better advised had it issued a frank appeal to the Western world for all possible aid.

It is not too late to do this now, and the very name of the People's Government commends, if it does not command, such a course. If for any reason of ideology, politics, or "face," Peking is reluctant to appeal to the United States Government through the British or other Government, it could at least seek the aid of the American or International Red Cross. At the same time, it might well be expected to take a more favourable attitude about the departure of the evacuees from Shanghai. The Americans are big enough, and big-hearted enough, to drop a hint themselves first. Gestures of this sort may require courage in the present state of affairs, but they would undoubtedly evoke a generous response—and might even give a new turn to the whole lamentable situation.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE THIRD BOOK

THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Sending aid to Russia

By Winston Churchill

You must remember that we have been fighting alone for more than a year, and that, though our resources are growing and will grow fast from now on, we are at the utmost strain both at home and in the Middle East by land and air, and also that the Battle of the Atlantic, on which our life depends, and the movement of all our convoys in the teeth of the U-boat and Fokke-Wulf blockade, strains our naval resources, great though they be, to the utmost limit.

It is therefore to the North we must look for any speedy help we can give. The Naval Staff have been preparing for three weeks past an operation by sea-borne aircraft upon German shipping in the North of Norway and Finland, hoping thereby to destroy enemy power of transporting troops by sea to attack your Arctic flank. We have asked your Staffs to keep a certain area clear of Russian vessels between July 28 and August 2, when we shall hope to strike.

Secondly, we are sending forthwith some cruisers and destroyers to Spitzbergen, whence they will be able to raid enemy shipping in concert with your naval forces.

Thirdly, we are sending a flotilla of submarines to intercept German traffic on the Arctic coast, although owing to perpetual daylight this service is particularly dangerous.

Fourthly, we are sending a minelayer with various supplies to Archangel. This is the most, we can do at the moment. I wish it were more . . .

There is no Norwegian Light Division in existence, and it would be impossible to land troops, either British or Russian, on German-occupied territory in perpetual daylight without having first obtained reasonable fighter air cover. We had bitter experiences at Namsos last year, and in Crete this year, of trying such enterprises.

We are also studying as a further development the basing of some British fighter air squadrons on Murmansk. This would require first of all a consignment of anti-aircraft guns, then the arrival of the aircraft, some of which could be flown off carriers and others crated. When these were established our Spitzbergen squadron could come to Murmansk and act with your naval forces.

Do not hesitate to suggest anything else that occurs to you, and we will also be searching earnestly for other ways of striking at the common foe.

Munitions and supplies

From the first moment I did my utmost to help the Russians with munitions and supplies, both by consenting to severe diversions from the United States and by direct British sacifices. Early in September the equivalent of two Hurricane squadrons were dispatched in HMS Argus to Murmansk to assist in the defence of the naval base and to co-operate with Russian forces in that area. By September 11 the squadrons were in action, and they fought valiantly for three months.

I was well aware that in the early days of our alliance there was little we could do, and I tried to fill the void by civilities.

Prime Minister to M. Stalin
25 July, 41

I am glad to inform you that the War Cabinet have decided, in spite of the fact that this will seriously deplete our fighter aircraft resources, to send to Russia as soon as possible 200 Tomahawk fighter airplanes. One hundred and forty of these will be sent from here to Archangel, and 60 from our supplies in the United States of America.

Up to 2-3m. pairs of ankle boots should shortly be available in this country for shipment. We are also arranging to provide during the present year large quantities of rubber, tin, wool and woollen cloth, jute, lead, and shellac. All your other requirements from raw materials are receiving careful consideration. Where supplies are impossible or limited from here we are discussing with the United States of America.

We are watching with admiration and emotion Russia's magnificent fight, and all our information shows the heavy losses and concern of the enemy. Our air attack on Germany will continue with increasing strength.

Rubber was scarce and precious, and the Russian demand for it was on the largest scale. I even broke into our modest reserves.

Prime Minister to M. Stalin
28 July, 41

Rubber. We will deliver the goods from here or United States by the best and quickest route. Please say exactly what kind of rubber, and which way you wish it to come. Preliminary orders are already given.

The grand resistance of the Russian Army in defence of their soil unites us all. A terrible winter of bombing lies before Germany. No one has yet had what they are going to get. The naval operations mentioned in my last telegram to you are in progress. Thank you very much for your comprehension in the midst of your great fight of our difficulties in doing more. We will do our utmost.

I tried my best to build up by frequent personal telegrams the same kind of happy relations which I had developed with the President. In this long Moscow series I received many rebuffs and only rarely a kind word. In many cases the telegrams were left unanswered altogether or for many days.

The Soviet Government had the impression that they were conferring a great favour on us by fighting in their own country for their own lives. The more they fought the heavier our debt became. This was not a balanced view. Two or three times in this long correspondence I had to protest in blunt language, but especially against the ill-usage of our sailors, who carried at so much peril the supplies to Murmansk and Archangel. Almost invariably however I bore hectoring and reproaches with "a patient shrug, for sufferance is the badge" of all who have to deal with the Kremlin. Moreover, I made constant allowances for the pressures under which Stalin and his dauntless Russian nation lay.

When the news of the German attack on Russia broke upon the world, the re-establishment of Polish-Russian relations, which had been broken off in 1939, became important. The conversations between the two Governments began in London under British auspices on July 5. Poland was represented by the Prime Minister of her exiled Government, General Sikorski, and Russia by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky. The Poles had two aims—the recognition by the Soviet Government that the partition of Poland agreed to by Germany and Russia in 1939 was now null and void, and the liberation by Russia of all Polish prisoners of war and civilians deported to the Soviet Union after the Russian occupation of the Eastern areas of Poland.

Frigid atmosphere

Throughout the month of July these negotiations continued in a frigid atmosphere. The Russians were obstinate in their refusal to make any precise commitment in conformity with Polish wishes. Russia regarded the question of her Western frontiers as not open to discussion. Could she be trusted to behave fairly in this matter in the possibly distant future, when hostilities would come to an end in Europe?

The British Government were in a dilemma from the beginning. We had gone to war with Germany as the direct result of our guarantee to Poland. We had a strong obligation to support the interest of our first ally. At this stage in the struggle we could not admit the legality of the Russian occupation of Polish territory in 1939. In this summer of 1941, less than two weeks after the appearance of Russia on our side in the struggle against Germany, we could not force our new and sorely threatened ally to abandon, even on paper, regions on her frontiers which she had regarded for generations as vital to her security.

There was no way out. The issue of the territorial future of Poland must be postponed until clearer times. We had the invidious responsibility of recommending General Sikorski to rely on Soviet good faith in the future settlement of Russian-Polish relations and not to insist at this moment on any written guarantees for the future. I sincerely hoped for my part that with the deepening experience of comradeship in arms against Hitler the major Allies would be able to resolve the territorial problems in amicable discussion at the conference table.

In the clash of battle at this vital point in the war all must be subordinated to strengthening the common military effort. And in this struggle a resurgent Polish army based on the many thousands of Poles now held in Russia would play a noble part. On this point the Russians were prepared to agree in a guarded fashion.

On July 30, after many bitter discussions, agreement was reached between the Polish and Russian Governments. Diplomatic relations were restored, and a Polish army was to be formed on Russian soil and subordinated to the supreme command of the Soviet Government. There was no mention of frontiers, except a general statement that the Soviet-German treaties of 1939 about territorial changes in Poland "have lost their validity."

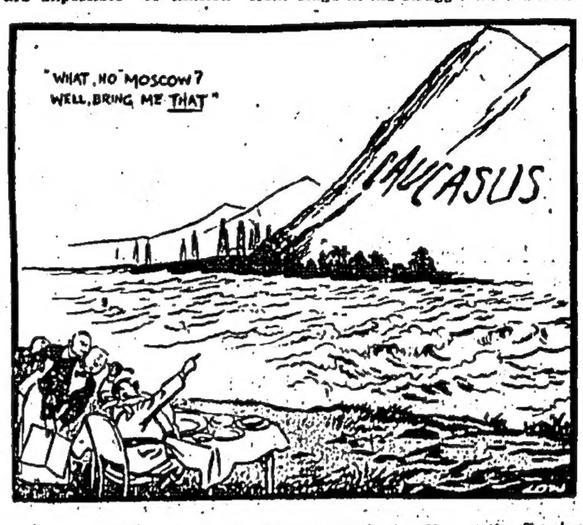
The matter rests

There the matter rested, and during the autumn the Poles were occupied in the grim task of collecting those of their nationals who had survived captivity in the prison camps of the Soviet Union.

The entry of Russia into the war was welcome but not immediately helpful to us. The German armies were so strong that it seemed that for many months they could maintain the invasion threat against England while at the same time plunging into Russia. Almost all responsible military opinion held that the Russian armies would soon be defeated and largely destroyed. In spite of heroic resistance, competent despotic war direction, total disregard of human life, and the opening of a ruthless guerilla warfare in the rear of the German advance, a general retirement took place on the whole 1,200-mile Russian front South of Leningrad for about 400 or 500 miles.

The strength of the Soviet Government, the fortitude of the Russian people, their immeasurable reserves of man-power, the vast size of their country, the rigours of the Russian winter, were the factors which ultimately ruined Hitler's armies. But none of these made themselves apparent in 1941. President Roosevelt was considered very bold when he proclaimed in September, 1941, that the Russian front would hold and that Moscow would not be taken. The glorious strength and patriotism of the Russian people vindicated this opinion.

Even in August, 1942, after my visit to Moscow and the conferences there, General Brooke, who had accompanied me, adhered to the opinion that the Caucasus Mountains would be traversed and the basin of the Caspian dominated by German forces, and we prepared accordingly on the largest possible scale for a defensive campaign in Syria and Persia. Throughout I took a more sanguine view than my military advisers of the Russian powers of resistance. I rested with confidence upon Premier Stalin's assurance, given to me at Moscow, that he would hold the line of the Caucasus and that the Germans would not reach the Caspian in any strength. But we were vouchsafed so little information about Soviet resources and intentions that all opinions either way were hardly more than guesses.



Heavy sacrifices

It is true that the Russian entry into the war diverted the German air attack from Great Britain, and diminished the threat of invasion. It gave us important relief in the Mediterranean. On the other hand, it imposed upon us most heavy sacrifices and drains. At last we were beginning to be well equipped. At last our munitions factories were pouring out their supplies of every kind. Our armies in Egypt and Libya were in heavy action and clamouring for the latest weapons, above all tanks and aeroplanes. The British armies at home were eagerly awaiting the long-promised modern equipment which in all its ever-widening complications was flowing at last towards them. At this moment we were compelled to make very large diversions of our weapons and vital supplies of all kinds, including rubber and oil.

On us fell the burden of organising the convoys of British and still more of United States supplies and carrying them to Murmansk and Archangel through all the dangers and rigours of this Arctic passage. All the American supplies were a deduction from what had in fact been, or was to be, successfully ferried across the Atlantic for ourselves.

In order to make this immense diversion and to forgo the growing flood of American aid without crippling our campaign in the Western Desert, we had to cramp all preparations which prudence urged for the defence of the Malay peninsula and our Eastern Empire and possessions against the ever-growing menace of Japan.

Without in the slightest degree challenging the conclusion which history will affirm that the Russian resistance broke the power of the German armies and inflicted mortal injury upon the life-energies of the German nation, it is right to make it clear that for more than a year after Russia was involved in the war she presented herself to our minds as a burden and not as a help. None the-less we rejoiced to have this mighty nation in the battle with us, and we all felt that even if the Soviet armies were driven back to the Ural Mountains Russia would still exert an immense and, if she persevered in the war, an ultimately decisive force.

(To be continued)

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"N.T. farmers get restive."
Yes, I believe some are all right, but the restive them are apparently root in twain, or even higher.

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Acheson is now called an untouchable.
It was a senator who cuto the first stone.

• • •

Russian soldiers are reported to have arrived in Shanghai.
No doubt with say-no on their boots.

• • •

"Who on earth wants New Zealand pounds?" asks a financial writer.
They tell me the New Zealanders are rather keen on them.

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Contemporary had a nice sob story yesterday about the silent picture actress "Mac Marsh," still said to be receiving fan letters.
This Mae be true, but I ha'e no doots.

• • •

Over in California, where they begin early, a 14-year-old girl has shot her twin.
She said she didn't need a sister to assist 'er.

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"Line a nine-inch pie plate with plain pastry. Peel eight large tart apples, thin slicely."
And slow bakely.

• • •

Mad as a Hatta?
The Indonesian premier, according to one report, says the nation's prosperity "is still in abeyance."
Absylutely.

• • •

"H.K. land company makes profit."
That's nice.

• • •

More of these puzzling headlines: "Borotra through."
But on reading on, I found he had won his singles match, and has no intention of retiring.

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Two atomic scientists are said to have disappeared in Britain.
Well, they would monkey around with the stuff.

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The Chinese Chamber of Commerce are making attacks on a tax increase.
Money people are said to agree with them.

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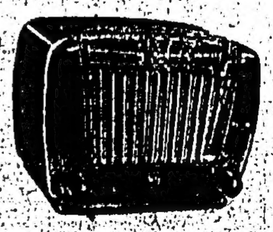

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ASIANS AWAITING DEVELOPMENT OF NEW U.S. POLICY

Tokyo, March 20.

Asiatic leaders are anxiously waiting to see what kind of definite and concrete American Far East policy will come out of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's, conferences this week with Congressional chiefs.

The United States Ambassador-at-large, Dr. Philip Jessup, is to attend one of those sessions and the whole Far East wants to know what recommendations he will make now that he has had a first hand view of the situation in this part of the world.

The two recent speeches by Mr. Acheson were generally regarded as an indication of the trend the Americans will follow in future.

However, Asiatic leaders want to see more than just an outline; they want to see details in small print.

Nations of Asia, who have to meet the challenge of Communism at close range and not from across broad protective expanses, are waiting to hear the whole American plan for the Orient.

Thrown into the Washington discussions will be all the information Dr. Jessup got from the Bangkok conference of United States Far Eastern diplomats.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Walton Butterworth, who is directly concerned with Far East matters, will be able to contribute to the new programme whatever he learned from the Bangkok session and his talks with influential persons elsewhere in this part of the world.

The general feeling in the Orient is that American leaders should now have a pretty good idea of the situation and should be in a position to answer a lot of question that have not been answered to date.

Most important question

The all-important question, especially in South East Asia, is how far will the United States go to back up small States who want to take an anti-Communist stand.

Leaders in that area believe this can best be answered by stating exactly what financial aid and what military assistance they can expect from the United States. And they want to know how soon they can get it.

These people out here in Asia also want to know how the Ameri ns stand on such controver. l questions as racial independence.

Pro-American Asiatics were pleased by Secretary Acheson's recent reminder that the Americans had won their freedom through a revolution and believed all people should have their independence.

No matter how often the U.S. spokesmen reaffirm this stand, it is always welcome.

National feeling

There has been a growing feeling of nationalism throughout the Far East since the war and the subject is one that holds the interest of all Far East peoples.

Communist propaganda has been telling them over and over that they can achieve racial independence only by turning away from the United States and aligning themselves with the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Other questions are in the minds and hearts of Asiatic leaders and the masses under them.

Their eyes are on Washington where they hope to get a full review of the long-awaited new American foreign policy for their part of the troubled globe.—United Press.

QUERIES ON JAPAN TREATY

London, March 20.

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, asserted in Parliament today that Russia and Communist China are on the point of asking Japan for a peace treaty.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ernest Davies, said that his chief, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has no information to that effect.

Mr. Teeling, with other Conservatives, had been urging the Government to press for a peace treaty with Japan.

He advised the Minister to "take care that the United States does not find itself in an invidious position and we left to follow the United States."

Mr. Davies gave an assurance that the Government will have exploratory talks with the United States at the earliest possible moment. It will also see that the views of Britain and the Dominions receive full consideration.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, Conservative, said that at the Canberra conference some two years ago the delegates representing Britain and the Empire countries involved expressed the hope publicly that a Japanese peace treaty would be signed at the latest by mid-1948.

How much longer was this matter going to be allowed to drag on? he asked.

Mr. Davies replied that there had been certain developments and changes since then. Every effort is being made to bring about, as early as possible, discussions on the peace treaty.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE STATISTICS

London, March 20.

Britain announced today that her exports in the short working month of February amounted to £157,600,000—£20,200 less than during January. However the February total is £2,100,000 higher than the monthly average for 1949.

Imports for February were valued at £189,700,000—£500,000 lower than during January.

The value of re-exports was £5,300,000, compared to £5,600,000 in January. The value of exports to the United States was valued at £6,300,000, compared to £8,900,000 in January.

Exports to Canada were valued at £8,000,000, compared to £8,400,000 in January.—United Press.

BANK MISSION TO ETHIOPIA

Washington, March20.

A mission from the World Bank will leave for Ethiopia this month to study the country's development programme.

Mr. Eugene Black, President of the Bank, told reporters that the mission will also try to select projects which might be suitable for financial backings from the Bank.

It is due to arrive in Addis Ababa early in April.—Reuter.

BOMBER TRANSFER HAILED

Washington, March 20.

The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, today hailed the transfer of a number of American B29 Superfort bombers to Britain as an example of collective preparedness among the Atlantic Powers.

Sir Oliver formally accepted from the American Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, four Superforts, the first of about 75 which will be sent to Britain under the $1,000,000,000 North Atlantic rearmament programme.

The Ambassador, speaking at the transfer ceremonies held at Andres Field, American Air Force base, said, "We are seeing a new stage in the partnership of the Atlantic at this ceremony today.

"These B29's are a visible and effective warning against aggression. I would like to assure you of the great encouragement it will bring to those Western European countries who are your partners in this co-operative effort."

American crews are to fly the bombers to Bermuda and the Azores where they will stay for about 14 hours before being flown to Britain.

The American crews on the first four planes are to remain temporarily in Britain as instructors with the Royal Air Force crews.—Reuter.

International airline fares increased

London, March 20.

Fares on most international air routes went up today. Travel will cost up to 10 per cent more, though some routes are not affected at all. Freight charges will be increased too.

The decision was taken by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), of which all world airlines are members, at its recent conference in Mexico.

The causes of the increases are the devaluation of Sterling and the rise in the price of petrol and operational costs.

It will cost £19 more to fly return from London by the British Overseas Airways Corporation to Karachi, £18 more to Bombay, £9 more to Singapore and £32 more to Hong Kong.

The increases are not always governed by distance. On the longest journey of all—from London to Sydney—the fare remains unchanged. To Johannesburg, it is increased by only £5.—Reuter.

British manoeuvre at UN a failure

Lake Success, March 20.

Britain has failed to swing three United Nations Security Council members to support the seating of the Chinese Communists here.

A British spokesman said that his country's delegate, Sir Terence Shone, has held conversations with the chief delegates of Cuba, Egypt and Ecuador about the possibility of their swinging away from support of the Chinese Nationalists.

The three countries told him they are sticking with the Nationalists.

Russia and four satellites are boycotting UN bodies to protest their refusal to expel the Nationalists and seat Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Reds.

The British move, made on direct instructions from the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, paralleled a "save-the-UN" drive by the Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie.

Mr. Lie has circulated a memorandum contending, in effect, that the Communists should represent China in the UN.

Dr. Lie argued that the Communists control the Chinese mainland and its 460,000,000 people and could be regarded as China's proper representative.

The British spokesman said he does not class the newest British action as an attempt to appease the Russians.

Mr. Bevin is only trying to find a remedy for an unsatisfactory situation in the UN and feels that the 11-nation Council is the place for it.

It was revealed in London last week that the Chinese Communists are demanding more positive action by Britain in the UN as the price for exchanging diplomats with London.

Britain has recognised the Chinese Communists but had up until now argued that it was too soon—with only 15 of 59 member-nations recognising the Communists—to vote to expel the Nationalists from the UN.

The British have abstained on such voting, as has Norway. Russia, Yugoslavia and India have voted for expulsion of the Nationalists. All five have recognised the Peking regime.

The U.S. and Nationalist China, along with Egypt, Ecuador and Cuba, have voted for keeping the Chinese Nationalists. Members of the U.S. delegation have refrained from talking with Egypt, Ecuador and Cuba on the subject because even an inquiry might be interpreted as an attempt to bring pressure.

The U.S. stand is that it will vote against seating the Chinese Communists but if they get seven votes, a Council majority, the U.S. will not try to veto their being seated.—Associated Press.

SENATOR ASKS FOR FILES ON DR. JESSUP

Washington, March 20.

Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy today demanded a chance to cross-examine Dr. Philip Jessup, Roving American Ambassador.

He also protested that questioning would be worthless unless the sub-committee opens up the Government loyalty files on the Ambassador.

The cross-examination was finally settled by having Senator McCarthy sit at the committee table and pass question to Republican member Senator Bourke Hickenlooper who fired them at Dr. Jessup.

Senator Hickenlooper asked Dr. Jessup about his associations with Owen Lattimore, Baltimore professor whom Senator McCarthy has called a pro-Communist.

Dr. Jessup denied emphatically that he asked Mr. Lattimore to accompany him on his diplomatic mission to the Far East last month.

Senator McCarthy, meanwhile, made public a letter addressed to Senator Millard Tydings asserting that the Government loyalty files on Dr. Jessup and Mr. Lattimore, if thrown open, would jar and shock even the most partisan Congressmen.

He challenged President Truman to open the files and force a showdown on his charges that there are 81 bad security risks in the State Department or other Government agencies.

"Waste of time"

Dr. Jessup's testimony was practically meaningless and showed only that the Ambassador was a nicy guy and made some good anti-Communist speeches, he claimed.

Senator McCarthy said he would attend no more committee sessions because it was a waste of his time unless he was permitted to cross-examine the witnesses.

Senator Hickenlooper asked Dr. Jessup about a letter he and several others wrote to the New York Times in 1946.

Senator Hickenlooper said the letter proposed that United States atomic bombs be dumped into the ocean to pave the way for a world agreement to outlaw atomic weapons.

Dr. Jessup said that that represented his view four years ago when hopes were high for international control.

He added, "I certainly do not hold those views today."

Not beaten

Democratic Senator Theodore Francis Green asked Dr. Jessup to elaborate on the effect Senator McCarthy's charges had in Asia.

Dr. Jessup replied that in many countries, the man in the street is not able to distinguish between official policy statements of the State Department and charges made by individual office holders.

Foreign countries get the wrong impression that the United States is not interested in combatting Communism, he said.

Dr. Jessup recalled: "Asiatic countries during World War II received an erroneous impression and thought we were licked and that Japan was master of Asia. They were wrong. If anybody now thinks that the United States is licked (in the Far East) they are wrong again."—United Press.

KASHMIR MEDIATOR ISSUE

New York, March 20.

There are indications today that the Security Council may meet towards the end of this week to decide the question of appointing a United Nations representative in Kashmir to take over the work of the unsuccesful five-member United Nations Commission.

The sponsoring powers working on the Kashmir resolution are today expecting fresh instructions from their Governments following the apparent failure of the initial approach made to India in favour of sending a joint team to Kashmir consisting of Admiral Chester Nimitz and Dr. Ralph Bunche.

The Pakistan delegation said that they had not been consulted on any suggested procedure so far. Nevertheless, well-informed sources said that an agreement between the parties and the sponsoring powers on the personality of the Mediator is possible this week.

Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, the chief Indian delegate, said that he had provisionally decided to leave at the end of this week for a month's holiday in India.

His departure is of course contingent on an agreement being reached regarding a Mediator, in which case he may not wait for the actual meeting of the Security Council.

Mr. Gopala Menon, the alternate Indian delegate, will in such case represent India.—Reuter.

QUIRINO ON EMERGENCY

Manila, March 21.

Emergency powers to operate the Philippines Government by decree are needed more than ever now, President Elpidio Quirino said at a Press Conference at Baguio.

The statement was made when Mr. Quirino was asked for comment on a move in Congress to eliminate the emergency powers originally given by Congress to his predecessor, the late President Manuel Roxas, shortly after the Philippines Republic was re-established amidst chaotic conditions resulting from the liberation after three years of Japanese occupation.—Associated Press.

KING BETTER

London, March 20.

King George VI, who had been suffering from a chill since Friday, was sufficiently well today to entertain the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Godfrey Huggins, for lunch.—United Press.

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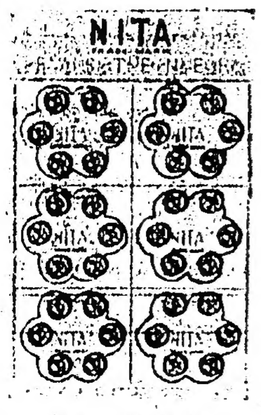

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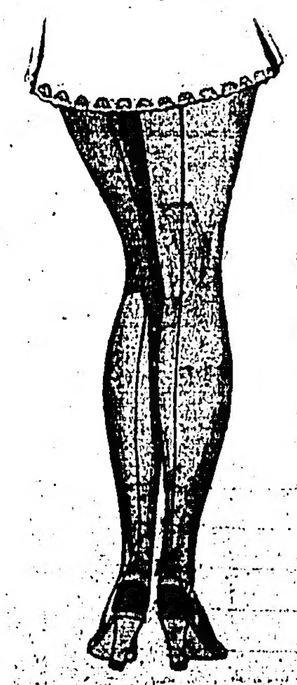

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Woman Today

THE RIGHT WAY AND THE WRONG

By IRIS ASHLEY

Recently I had a dismal experience. I stood around watching Englishwomen buying French hats (newly imported to London).

"Look," they'd say, "the right side of my face needs helping. Can you put a few more flowers, say, under the brim?" And if the hat hadn't a veil, without exception they wanted one added. None of them asked how the hat was intended to be worn.

IT'S WRONG

And then having turned a designer's art into just another hat, you could imagine them going home and wondering why they didn't look like the lady on the cover of the Fashion Magazine.

Is it possible to analyse just exactly what constitutes a well-dressed woman? Can we see how she achieves this effect? The two sketches on this page should help to make it clear.

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On the right is a lady Francis Marshall and I saw recently in Paris. Even in that city she was outstandingly smart.

The really smart woman, of course, is never eccentric. Nothing about her is conspicuous, except in the sense that perfect taste is always conspicuous by comparison. This particular young woman was groomed to the last detail.

Her black suit had classic lines, and she had got all the seams in the right places (no small point). Her brocade scarf was pinned so it could not slip. Her plain court shoes looked right with that kind of town suit.

The black straw boater had just enough trimming to look gay and springlike without spoiling its clear outline. Her jewellery was earrings, a large lapel brooch of cabochon stone, a clear-cut ring, and a bracelet.

And she must have taken a good, all-round look in the mirror, for not a hair was out of place from any angle. Not a speck on the suit.

Note her adequate but tidy handbag, neat gloves, and elegant yet severe umbrella.

The other — so-near-yet-so-far—version of this lady you will see this spring (I am afraid).

The outline of her head is untidy. Those earrings are too dressy for a suit; and the fur looks fussy with a jabot blouse. Her transparent gloves should go with a summer dress. Those ankle-strap shoes are wrong with a short, tight skirt. Her umbrella is no help, and the outside of her handbag gives a clear indication of a messy interior!

These items of clothing (except the handbag) are all right individually — for instance, the fur would look well with a neat hat and less frilly blouse — they are just collectively wrong.

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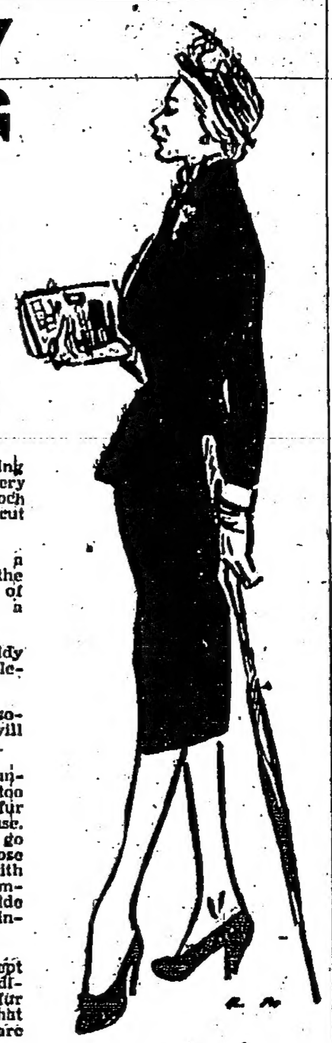
One clue to looking well-dressed is to realise that each season's fashions are designed to fit together like a jig-saw. Few could afford to refit themselves twice a year, but clothes can be adapted.

For example, coats with high collars and sloping shoulders call for small helmet-like hats. Your new spring hat will have a brim. If you don't want your face to look like the ham in a sandwich you must either be able to drop that collar away from your face, or wait till you can go out in a suit to show off your Easter bonnet.

If you want to stick to the little hats because they suit you, remember they went with a high neckline, and wear a scarf with your suit, preferably of brocade or transparent striped organza this spring.

As each new trend of fashion is reported, take a note of *what goes with it*. Each item worn must complement the rest.



IT'S RIGHT

London Fashion Fortnight, 1950

This year British manufacturers of women's ready-to-wear fashions will be holding the London Fashion Fortnight from Whit Tuesday, May 30, to Monday, June 12.

It will be run on much the same lines as in previous years, but greater importance attaches to it this year owing not only to the intensified dollar drive but also to the increasing liberalisation of inter-European trade.

Since markets such as Sweden and France are again open to British clothing, the United Kingdom manufacturers are hoping to meet their European customers in London.

During the Fashion Fortnight the top-grade model houses will be showing their autumn collections for the first time, and since it would be impossible for every manufacturer in the fashion industry to give his initial showing during the same two weeks, there will be a number of selected displays at different places in the West End organised by groups of manufacturers, each showing what he considers the pick of his collection.

Each of these displays—most of them mannequin parades—will cover a special type of clothes, such as coats and suits, furs, rainwear, millinery, and every exhibitor will of course have his full range on view in his own showrooms.

On the social side the Fortnight will open with a Government reception with a guest of honour to whom overseas visitors will be presented, and will include also a private view of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and other functions.

Since the essence of Fashion is change and surprise, it is impossible to give or post any detailed or definite information about the Fortnight in advance. The full programme, which will also form a souvenir handbook, will not be ready in time to mail overseas except to the nearer posts, but the general publicity campaign is planned to arouse the maximum interest.

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WAR MINISTER ON ARMY COMMITMENTS

London, March 20.

The War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told Parliament today that Britain hopes to reduce her total Middle East garrison during the coming year.

One disappointing thing, he said, had been a tendency for a new overseas commitment for the Army to spring up whenever an old one had come to an end.

It was mainly this tendency which during the past year had precluded the building up of higher regular Army formations in the United Kingdom itself.

Making his first speech as War Minister, Mr. Strachey had earlier referred to Hong Kong.

He said that Britain did not want to retain large forces permanently in that Colony. However, the Far East situation made it impossible to forecast when any troops could be withdrawn.

Mr. Strachey said that the total strength of the active Army today is 376,000 all ranks, whereas three years ago, it was 862,000.

The building up of the regular Army presents one of the main problems for the present and immediate future.

By April 1, 1950, the strength of the regular Army, including short service officers and men, would be about 185,000.

Not enough

"We have succeeded in substantially increasing the numbers of the regular Army, but not by any means far enough," Mr. Strachey said.

"It is this fact as well as the undiminished burden of our overseas commitments which has compelled us to use National Servicemen (conscripts) not only at home but in all overseas theatres including the Far East."

The use of these men overseas—was—quite—unavoidable until commitments could be decreased or the number of regulars increased.

The War Minister declared that recruiting prospects did not look good. With the present high employment and high civilian wages he believed that recruiting would stabilise itself at an annual figure of 20,000 or even less. To maintain the strength of the regular Army, 30,000 recruits a year were needed.

If the rate did not improve the forecast was that the regular Army would be down to 178,000 in 1951, with the prospect of a further decline after that.

These figures were measured against a present need for the active Army of about 350,000—with little chance of a smaller force being sufficient by 1953.

Malaya campaign

Describing the difficulties facing the Army in Malaya, Mr. Strachey said, "There can be no likelihood of spectacular success by the Army which could change the situation overnight. It is only by means of concerted action by all forces, civil and military, that progress is likely to be made."

In this difficult role, he said, the Army continued to play an essential part with great resolution, gallantry and efficiency.

The recently announced plans to reinforce the theatre by the return of the 26th Gurkha Brigade to rejoin its parent division together with additional air forces indicated the Government's determination to spare no effort to eradicate terrorism and protect the life of the territory.

In addition, the War Office is giving immediate and energetic attention to all proposals for reorganisation and re-equipment suggested by the local commanders, which might enable operations to be more effectively conducted.

Earlier, Mr. Strachey had said that the gravest problem in the Far East remained the campaign in Malaya against organised terrorism, economic sabotage and murder.—Reuter.

INDIAN PACT WITH SIKKIM

New Delhi, March 20.

A formal treaty between dia and Sikkim, Indian State ijoining Nepal on India's orthern border, is expected be signed shortly, according an External Affairs Minisy announcement.

The Maharajkumar of Sikkim, n of the ruler of the State, ho, along with representatives Sikkim's political parties, has on in Delhi for more than 10 ys for discussions with the overnment of India, is leaving r Sikkim tomorrow and taking ck with him the agreed terms the treaty.

The Government of India took er the administration of kkim in June last year at the quest of the Maharaja followg political agitation in the ate and appointed an administor.

Today's official announcement id that it had been agreed that kkim would continue to be a rotectorate of India and that e Government of India would ntinue to be responsible for s external relations, defence nd communications.

In internal government, the nouncement said, Sikkim ould continue to enjoy autonoy subject to the ultimate reonsibility of the Indian Govnment for the maintenance of ood administration and law and rder.

Sikkim, with an area of nearly 000 square miles, and a populaon of 110,000, occupies a stratec position with the Indoibetan trade route passing rough its territory.—Reuter.

SAAR AGREEMENT

London, March 20.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, r. Ernest Davies, told Parliaent today that his chief, Mr. rnest Bevin, did not agree that e Franco-Saar agreement prejudged the final settlement of the aar.

"In our view it is a provisional ecision and it is the peace treaty self which will make the final ecision", he said, replying to a uestion.—Reuter.

Hospitals bar doctor

Manchester, New Hampshire, March 20.

Dr. Hermann Sander, who was acquitted in the recent "mercy murder" trial, has been banned from two Catholic hospitals and a charge has been made against him by a member of the Hillsborough County Medical Society, medical officials announced tonight.

The Sacred Heart and Notre Dame hospitals banned the 41-year-old physician as a result of his first-degree murder trial in the death of a cancer-doomed patient, Mrs. Abbie Borroto, aged 59, of Manchester. Dr. Sander was acquitted on March 9.

The county Medical Association did not disclose the nature of the charge against him, nor would a spokesman for the association announce who had filed the charge.

It is learned, however, that the charge was made by officials of the two hospitals which barred the doctor. The charge accused Dr. Sander of conducting himself in a manner unbecoming to a physician.

Before his trial for the death of Mrs. Borroto, Dr. Sander had treated patients in the hospitals which today barred him from using their facilities.United Press.

CRISIS IN BELGIUM REMAINS UNSETTLED

Brussels, March 20.

The Belgian Cabinet crisis, caused by exiled King Leopold's demand for a Parliamentary decision on the question of his return to the throne, is still unsettled.

Antwerp dockers today staged a lightning 24-hour strike against the King's return. Over 20,000 are involved and work on 128 ships has been halted.

The Socialist General Labour Federation, the biggest union group in the country, is considering a progressive strike scheme, consisting of two days' stoppage next week and three days the next as a means of pressing for King Leopold's abdication.

The Catholic Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, today continued his efforts to form a new Government.

The Antwerp hold-up was the first "stop Leopold" strike—tacitly approved by the trade unions—to affect considerably the Flemish Provinces which voted 72 per cent last week in favour of the King's return.

The series of "warning" strikes planned for key centres throughout the country also spread today to four large industrial works in bi-lingual Brussels.

Workers in one Brussels factory stopped work for two hours only in order to stage an anti-Leopold demonstration in the streets.

Tramwaymen have so far ignored bills in the depots calling on them to stop for 24 hours.

More than 250,000 workers in the French-speaking Walloon Provinces, which voted only 42.2 per cent for the King's return, went back to work today.

But 2,000 iron workers at Huy, near Liege, quarrymen at Mons came out.

Liberal statement

M. Eyskens is meanwhile, trying to form a new Catholic-Liberal Coalition Government to convoke a joint session of both Houses of Parliament and repeal the Regency Law which exiles King Leopold.

Rumours are circulating that a Cabinet of Catholics and pro-Leopold dissident Liberals will be formed tonight.

Liberal Senators, after meeting Party Ministers and the Party Chairman, M. Rogert Moth, today, declared their determined will to see the present crisis resolved by a solution of national concord.

After a meeting of its Central Committee, the Communist Party asked the Socialists to join them in a common front to bar the way to King Leopold.

Liege Socialist unions are reported to be planning a link-up with the "Free Wallonia" movement, the most extreme Walloon separatist organisation.

Flemish match?

"Free Wallonia" is composed of a Socialist-Liberal majority and a Communist minority. Its Council met yesterday under the Chairmanship of M. Francois Van Belle, Socialist. Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies.

A communique issued following the meeting said, "The Council affirms that Wallonia will never accept a King forced upon her by a Flemish diktat."

The "Free Wallonia" also warned the Government that if Flemish troops and police are sent into Wallonia to maintain order this would be considered as a provocation.

Some leading Liberals, including several members of the outgoing Cabinet, insist that the only formula acceptable is one which would provide for the King's return on the understanding that he should abdicate when his 19-year-old son, Baudouin, attains the age of 21.

The growing agitation by Walloon separatists led to unconfirmed reports of a possible Flemish march against Brussels.

Two trends

These rumours, which seem to emanate from extremist Flemish right wing circles, say that lorryloads of Flemish Royalists plan to converge on Brussels to impose the respect of the nation's democratically expressed will to bring the King back to the throne.

Such rumours, however, are flatly rejected in responsible Catholic circles.

Likewise, rumours of King Leopold's sudden return before denied in circles close to the King's Secretariat in Brussels.

Catholic circles, however, confirm that there are two "schools of thought" among the Catholic Party.

One is reluctant to any brusque moves which could plunge the country into a period of disturbance—if not civil war. The other trend, mainly represented by the Party's younger elements, thinks that the King should return immediately if Parliament recalls him, regardless of possible unrest.—Reuter.

Burma-Japan trade pact

Tokyo, March 21.

A US$49,000,000 trade agreement between Burma and occupied Japan has been ratified, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The agreement, for calendar 1950, is the first formal trade arrangement between the newly established Burmese Republic and Japan. It was negotiated in January at a trade conference in Tokyo by SCAP officials and a Burmese delegation headed by U Thet Su, chairman of Burma's Agricultural Marketing Board.

The new agreement provides for balanced trade between the two countries conducted on a Pound Sterling basis. Payments will be arranged in accordance with the Japan-Sterling area agreement negotiated last year to which Burma is a signatory.

Under the trade plan, Burma will send to Japan raw materials and agricultural products—rice, crude rubber, cotton, teak, beans, tung oil, lacquer and other products. Japan will supply Burma with textiles, building materials, machines, enamel and aluminium wares, cement and other commodities.—Associated Press.

GUBITCHEV SAILS FOR RUSSIA

New York, March 20

Valentine Gubitchev, 33-year-old convicted Russian spy, sailed for Russia today with orders never to come back.

Strong squads of Federal and New York police guarded the dock when Gubitchev, in handcuffs, was put on board the Polish liner Batory.

Gubitchev, a former United Nations official, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for espionage, which was suspended if he left the country. He elected to return to Russia.—Reuter.

IRANIAN TIES WITH RUSSIA

Paris, March 20.

Iran seems about to renew commercial relations with Soviet Russia and to seek an understanding with the Communist power, with whom she has 2,500 miles of frontier, said the Conservative newspaper, "Le Monde," today.

For this the newspaper held the United States to be partly responsible.

"The Shah received a triumphal welcome in the United States," "Le Monde" said.

"Nine million dollars were advanced for the equipment of the Army. Waves of American experts poured into the country to see in what measure they could fill the role defined by President Truman as the left flank of the United States.

"American goods commenced to submerge the Persian market—which is incidentally the origin of a good part of the inflation and unemployment now rampant in Iran.

"But the international situation has evolved in such a way that there remains little hope of seeing either public or private capital from the United States being invested in Near East regions too directly threatened by the eventual Soviet advance.

"The most that can be hoped for at the moment is the grant of purely military aid to permit the regions in question to acquire a strategic value."—Reuter.

U.S. SHIPMENTS OF RUBBER

Washington, March 20.

Shipments of rubber and rubber products from the United States in January dropped 34.8 per cent under a year ago, the Commerce Department said today.

Shipments for the month totalled US$7,360,917 against US$8,732,408 the preceding month and US$11,283,431 in January, 1949.

Only twice before since 1945—in November, 1948 and November, 1949—have these exports been lower than in January, 1950.

Further declines in exports of U.S. rubber manufactures are expected, the Department added, noting that foreign rubber factories are operating at high levels and are able to satisfy most foreign requirements for rubber products.—Associated Press.

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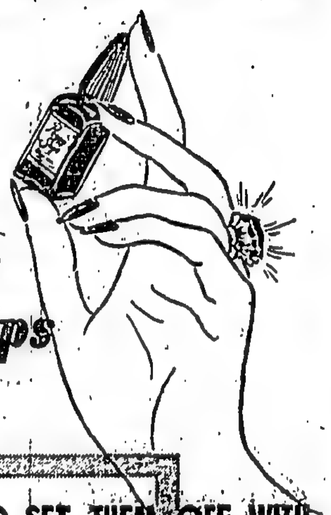

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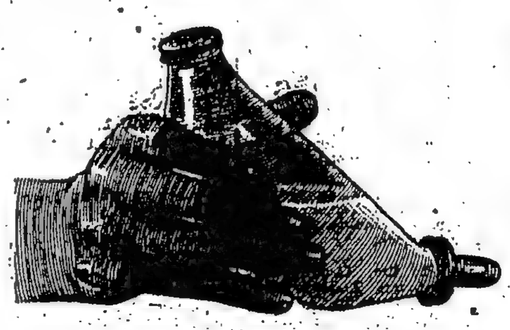

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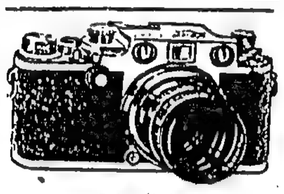

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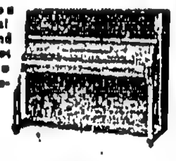

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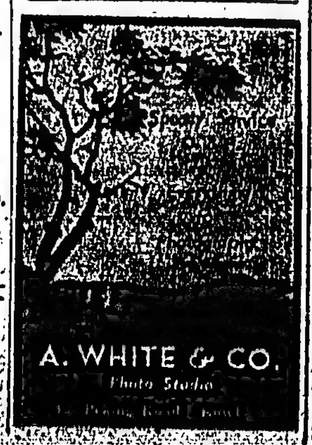

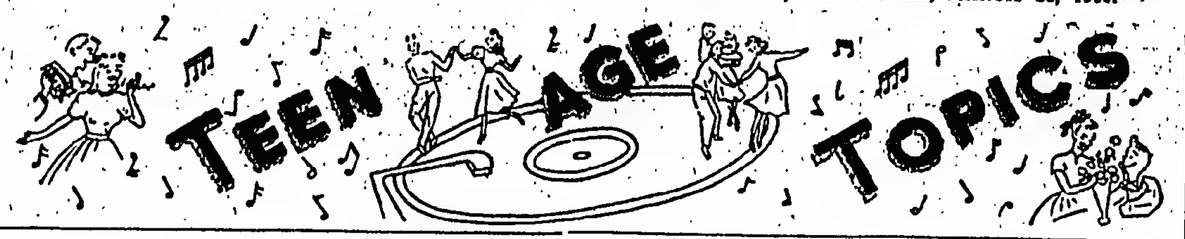

JUNE ALLYSON ON HAWAIIAN BOBBY-SOXERS

By BETTY BETZ

"I think the Hawaiian bobby-soxers are the nicest and best mannered I've ever met!" praised lovely, pint-sized June Allyson as we sunned ourselves on the white sugar sand of Waikiki Beach and gazed lazily in the distance at the surfers coming in on the rolling waves.

June and her husband, Dick Powell, to whom she always refers as "Richard" won the hearts of everyone during their stay.

Every afternoon there were small groups of high school girls clad in neat blue jumpers hovering about the Royal Hawaiian Hotel with the hope of getting a glimpse of their favourite actress. But only the most bold and daring fans would actually have enough nerve to walk up to June and ask for an autograph.

"Aren't the Hawaiian kids thoughtful?" said June. "They are so afraid of annoying us and so unlike the fans back home. Why, in New York they would pounce on us like vultures!"

June told me that once she was en route to a radio show in New York when a little monster squirted ink all over her white dress just because she had no time for autographs. Shall we put the blame on fame, or on bad manners?

June noticed some girls standing behind a palm tree and motioned for them to come over and sit down, which they did. "Let's sing a Hawaiian song for the kids, Richard!" said June, and added, ". . . but in My key!" I once heard June and Dick harmonise beautifully on Louella Parson's radio show, but here when they sang the authentic Hawaiian lyrics to a popular song, I was really impressed.

June Allyson is such a friendly and vivacious person, it's no wonder she was voted the most popular box office star in America. Although she's not what you'd call a raving beauty, she has the average American good looks, a doll-like figure, an infectious giggle, and, most important of all, a "double-wham" personality.

When June talked to her fans at my "muu-muu" party, I noticed that she seldom spoke about herself and was much more interested in her fans. She asked them to translate their native songs, inquired about their gay, colourful muu-muu costumes, and even had her first ukelele lesson. June tried on Gladys Cleveland's coconut hat, smiled for the photographer, and made all of the young Hawaiians (who are normally quite shy) feel at ease.

"Gee! . . . You'd think a famous movie star would be more stuck up!" sighed lovely, jet-haired Violet Tamburi, who danced the hula for us. But Violet and all the rest of us slaves might learn a lot from watching June Allyson operate . . . for actually, the girl who doesn't continually talk about herself and try to act the part of a prima donna is most likely to succeed. At least June Allyson did!

Greek youth movements

Between 1939 and 1941 all Greek youth movements were swallowed by the "Neolea" of Dictator Metaxas. Greece's liberation from Axis occupation in 1944 meant that free, independent youth movements could be started once more.

Before 1939 the Greek Boy Scouts numbered 25,000. To-day the membership is over 40,000, with Scout and Guide troops in almost every town and village throughout the country, and even in the Leros Technical School, where ex-Guerrilla boys are being re-educated for normal life.

Scouting and Guiding in Greece have helped considerably to combat Communist propaganda.

Of the non-Scouting organisations, one of the best known is a uniformed organisation, Alkimi, which is non-political and emphasises sea-training. The other powerful youth movement in Greece is the YMCA with centres in nearly all the main towns.

There are also a number of smaller youth organisations.

One of these is the Zoe Sunday School organisation of the Greek Church, supported by voluntary contributors and now becoming popular throughout the country.

More youth clubs for Swedes

Owing to the large amount of juvenile crime in Sweden, the problem of providing more youth clubs in towns and cities is worrying the authorities increasingly each winter.

Gangs of youths have recently become so bold that even the police have been unable to control them, and on one occasion a uniformed park attendant was attacked and beaten up in the centre of Stockholm.

To provide more clubs, Stockholm has this year invested £7,000 in youth organisations, against only £1,000 in 1939.

On the brighter side 50 per cent of Sweden's youth is already organised in various movements. Only Scouts and Guides wear uniforms.

So youth-minded is Sweden that the Health Ministry insists that all new blocks of flats must have space for clubrooms, and even roof-top playgrounds. Club-rooms are equipped to look like homes, not cafes, and in them Sweden's youth learn everything from art to cooking.

Members pay subscriptions if they can afford it, and so great is public interest in these clubs that one-third of a total of £8,000 recently spent on a 2½-acre youth centre in Stockholm was raised by house to house collections.

Platter chatter

The writers of That Luckly old Sun expect another great hit with their latest tune, God's Country. Columbia has the start on this number by Frank Sinatra but Mercury is offering competition with their release by Vic Damone.

The locale of God's Country (according to the song) is as yet unknown here as the advance copies have not yet arrived but it is hoped that this is not another of those flag-waving numbers.

Album of the week

My choice is the Jose Melis album, the South American Way in which this excellent young pianist offers six of the best known classics with the Latin touch.

Return of older musician

Artie Shaw is making his third come-back, this time for Decca. This temperamental gentleman of swing has changed wives as often as he has changed recording companies but with all his shifting, Artie is still one of the best men in swing.

His popularity locally, is second only to that of Glenn Miller and his old records are still in demand.

The composition of the new Shaw units are a full orchestra and the Grammercy Five and four sides are being released by Decca.

Some of his old favourites are available on H.M.V. and Harmony and my particular choice is The Blues in two parts.

Kitty Kallen who last sang with Artie, is now a Mercury soloist.

Strictly from Dixie

The peculiar Laine tonsils have given him his third big hit in as many months. Following up his successes with That Lucky Old Sun and Mule Train, he has another hit-parader with The Cry of the Wild Goose.

Dixielanders await the arrival of the Wingy Manone records which have been slow in reaching us: Big Leg Mama Blues; Last Call for Alcohol and Salt Pork coupled with West Virginia.

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By BEN DUFFY

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Indonesia currency reform analysed

London, March 19.

Today's Indonesian move is an ingenious currency reform designed to halve the inflated internal circulation of money.

Russia and Germany had similar reforms in December, 1947, and June, 1948, but theirs reduced the circulaton by 9/10ths while the Indonesian change reduces it by half.

Today's move logically follows last week-end's changes when the Indonesian guildor was devalued by half for exports and by two-thirds for imports.

It should powerfully reinforce those changes in reviving Indonesian exports, which have been almost at a standstill in recent weeks.

There has not been much revival of Indonesian export sales in the past week, because people in Indonesia who hoarding rubber, tea, and other export goods knew that they would get more guilders but feared that the internal value of these guilders would be less.

Now they have the assurance that their internal value should be more.

This may bring much more export offers of Indonesian goods, some of which are decidely important for world markets.

Both Indonesian and British financial experts in London welcomed today's news. They felt that the reform was unquestionably on the right lines, though it remains to be seen whether it went far enough.

Jakarta Radio announcements today told Indonesians that money in their pockets was at once cut to half its face value. They added that there would be a "debt freeze" or moratorium until futher notice.

Radio announcers told the people of the three-months' old Republic to tear their notes in half, keep the left-hand piece as a voucher for 3 per cent Government bonds worth one-quarter the notes' former value.

Premier's appeal

The Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, issued a "Do Not Panic" appeal to his people, but his Finance Minister, Dr. Sjafruddin Prawiranagar, said that he knew the drastic currency cut would be "bitterly felt" by the community.

Thousands spent money wildly in Jakarta today after advance rumours of the coming "Tear Up Your Notes" order, but most shopkeepers—usually open on Sundays—closed their doors and foiled the general bid to turn money into goods.

In a speech announcing the drastic currency purge, Dr. Hatta appealed to the people not to panic.

He said a huge deficit of 2,500,000,000 guilders had caused inflationary tendencies. The Government intended to check this tfend by an economic and financial policy aimed at deflation.

Dr. Hatta said that the Government's plan was to increase the circulation of goods and decrease the circulation of money.

Dr. Hatta said: "When we lived under foreign colonial yoke, we could assert that our unfavourable conditions and the people's poverty were the result of that colonial rule.

"Now we are liberated from colonial domination and our weal and woe is in our hands. Now we are responsible for our own fate.

"From the very outset we were fully aware of the fact that, besides sovereignty, we would inherit from the past chaos and financial difficulties."

Compulsory loan

He said last week's revision of the foreign exchanges scheme was now being supplemented by the issue of "a compulsory loan for the people," with the object of raising the value of money in circulation.

The Finance Minister, Dr. Prawiranagar, said emergency measures could not be avoided or postponed if the State was to be guided into safety.

"In this way the Government will get a loan of 1,500 million guilders at three per cent, to be redeemed in instalments within 40 years," he said.

The Government was fully aware that the measures would be bitterly felt by the community in general and by several groups in particular, he added.

Some sectors of economic life might be confronted by extraordinary difficulties.

The Minister said that the new measures should put an end to strikes because the prices of goods should fall while wages would remain on the same level. They should put an end to monetary confusion and increase foreign confidence in Indonesia, he said.

It was also announced that the Finance Minister was granting a moratorium until further notice. New bank notes are to be issued between March 22 and April 16.

The official rate for the Pound Sterling was about 10.6 guilders at the close of trading yesterday, and today there were unprecedented scenes in the capital, with thousands of people spending their money wildly.—Reuter.

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6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"It's Swing Time."

6.30—The Melachrino Strings.

6.40—Hal Lorenzo at the Piano. (Studio)

7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15—"Much Binding in the Marsh"—with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. (BBCTS)

7.45—"Generally Speaking"— "The Pleasure of Poking About" by Tyrone Guthrie. (London Relay)

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10—"Lucky Dip"—A Selection of this week's Variety Request Letters—Presented by Christine Shore. (Studio)

9.10—"Services Spotlight"—A Weekly Variety Show for the Forces by the Forces. (Relay from the West Lounge, Y.M.C.A.)

10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report.

10.18—French Cabaret. (Studio)

10.45—Recital by Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano Accomp.

11.00—Dance to the Skyrockets.

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay—Recorded)

God Save the King.

11.30—Close Down.

HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated March 21, 1950:—

Force Headquarters

Depot Training—week ending March 31, 1950: Squads A28, A29, A30, A31—Aiming IV, other points of aim. Miniature Range, other points of aim. Squads A32, A34—Miniature Range, competition. PWT.4, Bolt manipulation, Squads A35, A36—PWT.1. Loading and unloading. Miniature Range, introduction shoot.

Depot Range Firing—Kennedy Road Range: Kennedy Road Range will be available for the u/m personnel to fire practices as stated on Sunday, March 26, 1950. They will parade at Force HQ at 9.30 a.m. Dress overalls. Any person unable to attend should notify the Force RSM as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made. Rifle Course Part 1—Recruits A.M.J. Silva, P.C.S. Deveson, Cheng Wai-tong, C. Kong, J. Hardoon, P.L.S. Wong, W.L. Ross, J.A. Kelu, W.E. Tingle, L.H. Guterres, R.H.F. Smithson. Introduction shoot—Recruits P.R. Remedios, P.A. Sousa, R.E. Loureiro, F.M. Botelho, Chan Ming, G. Dang, J.B. Morales, A.A. Britto, J.D. Castilho, C.A. Guterres, G.F. Rosario, A.A. Marques, L.M. Sequeira, F.A.M. Rosario, Ip Chau, C.C. Chan, H. Yeh, L.M. Sousa, E.C. Tavares.

Intelligence Unit—Training week ending March 31, 1950: (a) Continuation Course Monday, March 27, 1950, 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Operations Orders—Major Clement-Smith, Essex Regt. 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. F.S. in Ops & C.I. Planning — Capt. Smurthwaite. (b) Preliminary Course Thursday, March 30, 1950. Test at end of first half of course. (c) Parade Force HQ 5.30 p.m. Dress plain clothes.

Annual Stocktaking: There will be no issues of personal clothing and equipment from the Quartermaster Store between the March 24, 1950 to April 6, 1950 inclusive. The issue of training stores and ammunition will however continue over this period.

Congratulatory: The Commandant wishes to congratulate the HKDF Team on winning the Medley Relay in the 3 Brigade Commando Sports on the March 17, 1950 at King's Park.

Hong Kong Regiment

Training—week ending March 31, 1950: 'A' Company Tuesday, March 28, 1950. Programme 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. LMG (Bren) Fixed Line. 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Sabotage (Lecture). Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Clean Fatigue (overalls). 'D' Company Monday, March 27, 1950. Programme 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. W.T. Bayonet "Training Stick". 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Fire Discipline. Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Clean Fatigue (overalls). Carrier Platoon. No parades for week ending March 31, 1950. Signal Platoon Tuesday, March 28, 1950. Programme (i) Morse Practice—pairs. (ii) Communication Security. Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress plain clothes. Class "B" will commence training Tuesday, March 28, 1950. The u/m will report to the Signal Officer at Murray Parade Ground on this date:—Ptes. B.A. Hull, F.A. Robertson, L.C.A. Rocha, H.S. Lapsley, H.S. Lewis, K.J. Hammer, M.J. Tavares, A.M. Barradas, R.S. Section (Specialist Cadre) Parades Monday, March 27, 1950. 5.30 p.m. Revision Supreme Court. Tuesday, March 28, 1950. 5.45 p.m. Elementary class. HQ RA. Thursday, March 30, 1950, 5.30 p.m. Advanced class. Supreme Court, as detailed by C.O.

Range Firing—Classification Course: 'B' Company and Carrier Platoon, Kai Tak. All personnel who are firing on this range Sunday, March 26, 1950 will render their names to RSM King or ASM White by 11 a.m. March 25, 1950. Parade 8.45 a.m. Queen's Pier personnel living Hong Kong side. 9 a.m. Star Ferry personnel living Kowloon side. Transport will be available at the Star Ferry at 9 a.m. Kowloon side. All weapons will leave HQ in bulk and will be drawn at Kai Tak Range. Dress Weapon training Order (overalls). Range officer as detailed by O.C. 'B' Company.

Signal Platoon—Volunteers for: Class 'B' of the Signal Platoon commences training on Tuesday, March 28, 1950. Seven more members are required for this class. Any man interested will report to the Signal Officer on Murray Parade Ground at 5 p.m. March 28, 1950. Any man who can ride a motor cycle will be of value to this platoon as a despatch rider.

HK Auxiliary Air Force

Visit by Commander in Chief, Far East Air Force: The C. in C. intends to visit the HKAAF on Tuesday, March 28, 1950 and Thursday, March 30, 1950 during the training period. Personnel detailed to attend lectures on these evenings are requested to make every effort to attend. Uniforms are to be worn.

Trade Training — week commencing March 26, 1950: Tuesday, March 28, 1950, No. 2 Radar Operators Course. The following members of this course are to attend at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters Defence Force for a lecture by Cpl. Thomas, S.J.G. Burt, J.J. Hassan, M.J. Zaman, H. Beck, F.M. Botelho, M.A. da Rosa, F.A. Garcia, R. Newman, J. Hardoon, D.F. Pomeroy, G.C. Randall, P.R. Remedios, R.R. Ribeiro, E. Willems. No. 3 Radar Operators Course. The following members of this course are to attend at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters Defence Force for a lecture by F/Lt. Grocott. D.J. Loseby, E. Mackenzie, J.N.B. Norris, J.F. Gomes, R.G. Labrum, H.L. Mose, H.F. Mendes, L.A. da Lus, M.A. Baydan. Clerk G.D. Course. Members of this course are to attend at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters Defence Force for a lecture by Cpl. McTeer. Thursday, March 30, 1950. Tradesmen's Course—Flying Unit. Members of these courses are to parade at 5.45 p.m. to continue training at the HKAAF hangar Kai Tak. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. Equipment Assistants Course. Members of this course are to attend for practical training at the HKAAF hangar Kai Tak at 5.45 p.m. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. Observers and u/t Pilots Courses. Members of these courses are to attend at 5.45 p.m. at the HKAAF hangar Kai Tak to continue training. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon at 5.30 p.m.

Flying Programme week commencing March 27, 1950: Monday, March 27, 1950. 5 p.m. Auster V F.L. Rake, LAC Salter. 5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Booker, LAC. Breiling. 5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Gauntlett, LAC. Chan. 5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Larsen, LAC. Garcia. Wednesday, March 29, 1950. 5 p.m. Auster V F.L. Rake, LAC. Wigram. 5 p.m. Auster VI S.L. Wood, LAC. Ferris. 5 p.m. Auster VI F.L. Jones, LAC. Robertson. Thursday, March 30, 1950. Take off—5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Gauntlett—Message dropping exercise. 5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Larsen, message dropping exercise. 5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Hicks, message dropping exercise. Friday, March 31, 1950. 5 p.m. Auster V F.L. Rake, LAC. Cavill. 5 p.m. Auster VI. F.L. Jones, LAC. Robertson. 5 p.m. Auster VI P.O. Hicks, LAC. Strange.

HKAAF Section of the Women's Volunteer Force: A four day continuous training period has been arranged from March 27 to March 30 inclusive in lieu of an Annual Training Camp. This will be carried out in the A.H.Q. Operations Room. Full details are being circularised.

Use of the Murray Parade Ground as a Car Park: Any members of the HKAAF who wish to park their cars on the above parade ground must apply to the Adjutant HKAAF for a pass. This pass must be displayed on the inside of the windscreen to assist the military in checking. Members who are not in possession of a pass will not be allowed to park their cars there, as this area is WD land and civilians are normally not allowed to use it as a car park.

Sports: Arrangements are being made to enter HKAAF Soccer and Tennis Teams in the RAF inter-section tournaments. All personnel interested should contact Adjutant, HKAAF.

Home Guard

Training—Thursday, March 30, 1950: Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. Dress Overalls or plain clothes. Programme as detailed by C.O.

HK Women's Volunteer Force

Training (Army and Nursing Branch): There will be no parade for Monday, March 27, 1950 for members of the Nursing Squad detailed to attend Cookery Course starting on April 3, 1950. Programme for remainder is detailed as below. Monday, March 27, 1950. 5.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Elementary Foot drill. Low heeled shoes will be worn. All members except those detailed for Cookery Course, Secretariat Car Park. 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Maintenance Task 3. Keeping of Log books. Drivers Squad, HQ HKDF. 5.45 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. 2nd Lecture (Theory). St. John's Ambulance Course. 6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. 2nd Lecture (Practical). Nursing Squad M.I. room.

Identity Cards: The following members of the HKWVF (Army and Nursing Branch) should report to staff Captain HQ HKDF to collect identity cards. H. Abbas, Au Yim-chai, B.M. Bassatt, A.N.T. Cheung, S.H.G. Franklin, H.I. Hale, Lau Wai-ping, A.M. Prokopoff, Tso Hu-ene, J.M. Thomson, R.F. Tong, M.M. Tucker, J.Y.S.C. Wong.

(Sgd.) A.M. Dekker, Staff Captain,
for Deputy Commandant, HKDF.

"Ten minute alibi" a great success

"Ten Minute Alibi" which was first presented some fourteen days ago by the 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, and was reviewed in a previous issue,, has played most successfully to several military units in the Territories.

We paid it another visit on Monday when it was presented to the 27 Brigade Headquarters.

With each performance, they have become increasingly popular, and it is felt that the cast deserve special individual comment:

Taking them in order of appearance, Captain John Livemore as a dignified butler—and old lag who put up with his master's peccadillos with young ladies—played a small but telling part with dignity, producing realistically anger and fright at the right moment.

Peter Bosworth—that snake in the grass—(how I envied him his technique!)—made me most concerned over the likely fate of his latest butterfly on the wheel—and equally annoyed that he seemed to be getting away with it. His self-satisfied and confident approach to his crime made me feel that he had had much practice; as indeed the examination of his paper after his fully deserved sudden death, demonstrated.

Miss Hazel Sclater (the unfortunate but charming butterfly) was really impressive. This poor little girl knew she was doing wrong, but couldn't resist it—you could see she was frightened, but she was drawn irresistably to this wolf. In her portrayal of the part, Hazel took us with her through all the emotions one imagines would be felt under such unhappy circumstances.

Captain Jimmy Flavell, as Colin Derwent, gave an entirely life-like interpretation of the young man in love—too poor to offer his heart to Betty—knowing the trap she was falling into—knowing also that she was infatuated, and trying every way he knew to stop her elopement to Paris with a man who would leave her high and dry, and driven in desperation to murder. In his later reaction under suspicion, and his final lucky if unmoral escape, we were with him all the way, and equally unmorally on his side.

Major Aymar Clayton, the Battalion Second-in-Command, (need I say a very busy Officer), playing Sir Miles Standing, gave us who knew him, and any that were present who didn't—an amusing glimpse of a somewhat self-important and impatient elderly solicitor, distrubed from his normal routine and in no uncertain manner demonstrating his disapproval of the situation to all concerned—particularly the Police.

As a character study, he was so realistic that his wife is seriously wondering if he will be like that in 20 years' time.

The CID:—Inspector, Pember, played by Captain George Foreman, and Detective Sergeant Brace, played by Captain John Moore, gave us the well known team from stage and screen—the perfect foils. Pember (who has made his way up the hard way and knows his onions), and Brace (the talented young beginner speaking French and very meticulous). The burden of unravelling the almost perfect crime was theirs; they brought us along with them, step by step, getting more and more unpopular with us as they neared the correct solution. A happy chance, and a slight suspicion of sympathy with the possible murderer, brought them back into our favour.

We sincerely hope, training permitting, that the Middlesex may again produce a play as accessful as this. P.J.E.

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7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
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8.15—Random Rhythm.
8.45—A Programme for Women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Console & Keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.00—Airlane Melodies.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.

P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.10—B.B.C. School Broadcast.
12.32—"Variety Bandbox."
1.00—Hawaiian Music.
1.15—News.
1.30—"London Studio Concert"
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.
4.15—Today's Choice.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Makers.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.30—Harmony Hall.
5.45—Radio Headliners.
6.00—The Hot Club.
6.30—The Jumpin' Jacks.
6.45—Do You Remember?
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.10—Local News.
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—Romantic Cycles.
8.15—The Sweetwood Serenaders.
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
9.30—Local News.
9.15—Well-loved Songs.
9.30—Rediffusion Anniversary Show.
10.30—Ring Up The Curtain.
11.15—Bandstand.
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Agents.

Hong Kong, March 20, 1950.

AMERICAN ECONOMY AT A HIGH LEVEL

Washington, March 20.

The United States Commerce Department reported that the gross national production—total of all goods and services—was valued at $257,000,000,000 in the calendar year 1949, which kept the economy at a very high level.

This was about five per cent under the all-time dollar peak of $262,000,000,000 reached in 1948.

The principal reason for the decline was price reductions on many consumer items since then.

The Department said when allowance is made for lower prices in 1949, the change in physical volume of production was slight.

National income, which dropped about the same percentage as production, totalled $221,500,000,000 compared with $226,000,000,000 the previous year. Personal income was $210,000,000,000, down about $2,000,000 from the record 1948 high.

The decline concentrated for the most part in the first half of the year. In the latter half, the overall economy stabilised.

In 1949, for the first time since the war, most money went directly into sales channels rather than into inventories. Net 1949 inventories averaged $2,500,000,000. In 1948 the figure was $6,500,000,000.

Consumer spending in 1949, which stood at $179,000,000,000 was little changed from the year before. Sales were somewhat larger, but prices lower.

Durable goods spending increased to $24,000,000,000 because of bigger car sales.

Spending for services rose to $56,000,000,000—compared with $53,000,000,000 in 1948. Construction and equipment investment totalled $37,000,000,000, largely because of decline in residential construction in early 1949.—United Press.

Money Market

Continuing the downward trend, US dollars yesterday touched HK$6.32½ at the close of the market yesterday. The opening rate was $6.34, and the highest $6.35.

TT fell from HK$6.39 at the opening to $6.37 at the close.

Sterling was maintained at HK$15.40.

Australian pounds dropped to HK$13.25.

Piastres remained nominal at HK$12.50 a 100.

Ticals were unchanged at HK$28.30 a 100.

NEI Guilders, which dropped to HK$22.70 a 100 on Monday following devaluation of the Indonesian Guilder, re-opened yesterday at $20.50. In the afternoon it was marked down to $15 nominal.

FOOD AND FUEL COST

The food and fuel index for the week ended March 18 issued by the Labour Office, were:

Rice and Flour 7.2 catties	$6.5500
Vegetables 1.9 catties	1.1210
Salt Cabbage .2 catty	.2680
Oil .7 catty	1.4210
Tea .2 catty	1.0800
Salt Fish .3 catty	.9600
Fish .4 catty	1.2440
Pork .3 catty	1.4370
Firewood 10.0 catties	.9000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	.7000
Total	$15.6900

(Continued from Col. 3)

RUBBERS, etc. COMPANIES

Alma Estates 1b.
Anglo-Dutch .30n.
Anglo-Javas 1n.
Batu Anams .20n.
Bute Plantations .50b.
Chemor United .25b.
Cheng Rubbers .10n.
Consolidated Rubbers 2.05b.
Dominion Rubbers 1n.
Langkats 1n.
Repah Rubbers .20n.
Rubber Trusts 2¾b, 3½n.
Samagaga Rubbers .65b.
Semanbu Rubbers .10b.
Shanghai Kedahs 4¾b, 4½n.
Shanghai-Malays 15n.
Shanghai Pahang .60b.
Shanghai Sumatras .60n.
Sua Manggis .10b.
Sungei Duris .15b, .16sa.
Tanah Merahs .65b, .65n.
Tebong Rubbers .15b.
Tjangbo Rubbers .50n.

Goods said pouring into Shanghai

San Francisco, March 20.

Over 5,000,000 tons of cargo and 17,000,000 passengers were carried by railways and ships of East China during the last nine months, according to Peking Radio tonight.

As a result, goods have been pouring into Shanghai, particularly coal and grain, the Radio said. Coal shipments enabled reserves in Shanghai to be kept at a constant figure of several thousand tons compared with a regular 5,000 tons during the early days of Shanghai's occupation.

Over 1,000 miles of railway in East China are now being used while more than 10,000 miles of inland waterways are now opened to traffic, the Radio further reported.—Reuter.

TALKS ON UK TEA CONTRACT

London, March 20.

The Food Minister, Mr. Maurice Webb, was asked in the House of Commons today when he would be able to tell tea growers in India and Ceylon what price he would offer for tenders to the 1950 bulk contract.

He replied, "When our negotiations with their Governments are completed."

He did not comment when a Conservative asked whether he appreciated that the longer a decision was delayed the less chance there would be of getting the quantities he required at suitable prices.

The Minister was also asked whether he was taking care during these negotiations that the reopening of the London tea market was not being jeopardised.

Mr. Webb replied that it would not be overlooked.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 20.

Far Eastern rubber shares provided the bright spot on the London Stock Exchange today. Industrials were generally idle with small gains and losses about equally divided.

Most American issues were down.

Financial Times' index 104.1, unchanged.—Associated Press.

DOCKERS STRIKE

Buenos Aires, March 20.

Striking dockers demanding wage increases held up work on all but 14 of 103 overseas vessels in Buenos Aires port today.

The dockers said that their strike will last until Wednesday night.—Reuter.

NY RUBBER

New York, March 20.

Rubber closed two to 10 lower. Sales 16 contracts.

May	19.60.
September	18.65.

Number one ribbed smoked sheets, 20 nominal.—Associated Press.

U.S. DEBT

Washington, March 20.

The U.S. Treasury announced that the Government total debt on March 16 was $255,904,094,189 compared to $251,162,417,314 a year ago. Gold Assets were $24,820,473,952 against $24,204,668,002.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 20.

Stocks made slim gains on the strength of such good corporate news but fell back on profit-taking in the final hour. Of the 15 most active issues, eight were higher, four unchanged and three lower. Most major groups presented a mixed appearance. Of 1,086 issues traded, 358 advanced, 439 declined; 1,420,000 shares were traded. Seventy-six new highs were touched during the day and 24 new lows. Most active issue was Missouri Pacific preferred, up 1-⅞ at 9-⅞.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 74.91; 20 Industrials 207.78; 15 Rails 55.25; 10 Utilities 43.67.

Closing Quotations:

Adams Express 22⅜
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 117½
" Smelting 53½
" Telephone 151¾
" Tobacco 72
" Waterworks 10⅝
Anaconda Copper 28¾
Aviation Corp. 6⅞
Baldwin Locomotive 11⅝
Barnsdall 50⅞
Bendix Aviation 42
Bethlehem Steel 34½
Boeing Aircraft 27½
Borden Co. 50⅝
Canadian Pacific 14½
J. I. Case 44¾
Chrysler 60⅝
Colgate 45¾
Commercial Solvent 16⅞
Corn Products 69¾
Du Pont 65
Eastman Kodak 46⅝
General Electric 46⅞
" Motors 76 ⅝
Goodrich 63
Goodyear 50½
Homestake Mining 45¼
International Harvester 26⅝
" Paper 37¾
" Tel & Tel. 11⅝
Johns Manville 49
Montgomery Ward 56
National Distillers 23⅛
" Lead 38¾
New York Central 13⅛
Packard Motors 3¾
Pan American Airways 10
Pennsylvania RR 17⅝
Radio Corp. 14⅝
Real Silk 11½
Remington Rand 15¼
Republic Steel 26⅝
Reynolds Tobacco 30⅝
Schenley 30¾
Sears Roebuck 43½
Shell Oil 39
Socony Vacuum 17¼
Southern Pacific 51½
Standard Brands 23⅛
" Oil of Calif. 65¼
" Oil of N. J. 69
Studebaker 30¼
Union Bag 29⅝
" Carbide 43⅞
US Rubber 43⅝
" Steel 31⅞
" Lines 16¾
Westinghouse 34¼
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 82¾
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17⅝

Bonds moved narrowly. The curb showed good gains. Among those moving up were Humble Oil, Electric Bond and Share, Cities Service, Kaiser Frazer was lower.—Associated Press.

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Pronto (Shui On) Norwegian 1283 tons ex-Keelung Bd2

TODAY

Sven Salen (Mac Mac) ex-Atlantic Coast.
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TOMORROW

Bougainville (Bank) ex-Pacific Coast.
Hunan (B & S) ex-Tientsin.
Soochow (B & S) ex-Australia.
Taiping (B & S) ex-Australia.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

General Gordon (APL) for Kobe.
Produce (B & S) for Hunnel.
Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
Talleyrand (Thoresen) for Manila.
Wyoming (Dodwell) for Takao.

TODAY

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Chunsang (Jardine) for Inchon.
Flying Cloud (Pattison) for Tsingtao.
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William Gackens (USL) for Atlantic Coast.

Vessels In Port

A. Earhart (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Alvazovsky (Metro) D.17
Akron Lily (Tieng Sung) ..... Yau.
Alycone (Ever) A.2
Andrens (Loxley) ..... KW
Bust (Larsen) ..... S.C.
Chung Tong (China SS) ..... O.B.
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Chee Hsing (Wallem) ..... Yau.
China Jen (CMSN) ..... K.D.
China Transport (Jardine) A.16
Chu Chang (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Chunsang (Jardine) B.2
Cloverleck (Roland) ..... SC
Colonia (Nelasco) ..... K. Bay
Colon (Colonial) ..... Yau.
Daviken (Lee Yuen) B.10
Dona Aurora (B & S) A.7
Don Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Eastern Trader (G. Southern) .. B.8
Empire Park (Lam Kee) ..... Yau.
Flying Cloud (Pattison) ..... KW
Flying Dragon (Wallem) ..... Yau
Fook Wah (Holly) ..... Yau
Fort Sandusky (NSD) .... N. Anch.
Fort Charlotte (RFA) ..... KB
Glenearn (JM) A.1
Grandview (Sanscon) ..... S.S. Po.
Great Eagle (Colon) ..... Yau.
Hai Chung (Lee Bros.) .... S.S. Po.
Hai Hsia (CMSN) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Kang (CMSN) B.11
Hai Kin (Lee Bros.) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Nan (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Hewsang (Jardine) B.17
Hinghai (B & S) B.28
Ho Kwang (APC) ..... C.B.
Hock Lim (Eastern) ..... Yau.
Hol Wong (Jebsen) B.16
Hudson (Tak Kee) ..... W.P.
Hung Cheng (CMSN ..... Yau.
Inchmay (Williamson) ..... S.C.
Inchmull (Williamson) ..... SC
Jeep Hee (Jebsen) B.18
Kui Jin (Tak Kee) ..... Yau.
Lady Wolmer (Roland) ..... SC
Lake Shawnigan (Eastern) .... K.B
Lee Che (Mingsung) ..... Ymt.
Leong Hee (Roland) ..... Yau.
Lin Shen (Jebsun) ..... Yau.
Ling Yuan (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Lu Yi (BOTRA) ..... S.C.
Machnon (B & S) ..... Holts.
Margaret Moller (Mollers) .... Yau.
Marie Skou (Gilman) ..... W.D.
Mau sang (JM) B.21
Maxwell Brander (STO) B.22
Mei Ling (Botra) ..... Yau.
Ming Chung ..... Yau.
Mirama (Larsen) ..... K.B.
Moldova (Eastern) ..... Yau
Nan Chiang (Eastern) ..... Yau.
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Pakhoi (B & S) B.16
Pei Ming (Yee Tai Hong) .... Yau.
Perico (Sintoon) B.8
Pigneau De Behaine (MM) B.13
Poitava (Metro) B.16
Poyang (B & S) ..... B. Buoy
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Pronto (Shui On) B.12
Ramona (Wallem) ..... Sham
Ridderkerk (RIL) A.11
Rosita (Carriol) ..... Yau.
Sabre Canim (Jardine) A.11
Sacramento (HKES) ..... T.D.
Sargen (Eastern) ..... K.B.
San Antonio (Yick Yuen) B.8
Sanbay (King Tai) ..... SC
San Gabriel (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Miguel (Manners) ..... S.C.
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Shapur (Eastern) ..... KB
Shirala (Mac Mac) A.5
Silverwalnut (RIL) ..... K.wh
Sin Soon Lee (Lee Bros.) .... Yau.
Sing Hing (Tong An) ..Tong An wh.
Smih Men (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Sui Yuan (E A C) ..... Yau.
Tadah (Hsiang S/S) ..... Yau.
Taichungshan (Jebsun) B.23
Tai Ping Shan (APC) ..... APC
Tai Po Shan (Shun Cheong) ..... S.C.
Tele. De Laringa (Trinity) A.9
Teh Hu (Teh Hu SS) ....Y... S.C.
Teng Keng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Tjibondok (RIL) ..... KB
Tjibadak (RIL) A.4
Tjiandang (RIL) A.6
Ting Yuan (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Tomsk (FE ENT) A.15
Tonjer (Larsen) ..... K.B.
Trafoli (Mollers) ..... S.S. Po.
Tsai Er (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Valve (Hung Hing) ..... Yau.
Wah Chung (Yung Tung) .... Comm.
Wee Hink (China Star) Po Tak wh
Wing Hing (Jardine) ..... P.wh
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Ocean Mail (Everett)	24
Pioneer Wave (USL)	27
Sven Salen (Mac Mac)	22
	April
Bengal (B & S)	12
Dona Aniceta (B & S)	10
Ferndale (Thoresen)	10
Fernland (Thoresen)	3
Fernside (Thoresen)	29
Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen)	2
Igadi (Wallem)	9
Leise Maersk (Jebsen)	22
Pioneer Sea (USL)	7
Pres. Fillmore (APL)	8
Pres. Monroe (APL)	5
Pres. Johnson (APL)	15
Steel Vendor (Gilman)	2
Steel Voyager (Gilman)	27
Titania (Dodwell)	14
Trein Maersk (Jebsen)	27
Vassilis (Loxley)	9
War Hawk (Wallem)	10
	May
Bonneville (Thoresen)	29
Mandville (Thoresen)	10
Pres. Fillmore (APL)	13
Steel Worker (Gilman)	28
	June
Fernfield (Thoresen)	10
Chinese Prince (Jardine)	3
	July
British Prince (Jardine)	20

PACIFIC COAST

	March
Bougainville (Bank)	28
California Bear (USL)	28
C. E. Dant (Dodwell)	15
Tradewind (USL)	28
	April
American Transport (Jardine)	9
California (Dodwell)	10
General Gordon (APL)	28
Mathew Luckenbach (USL)	3
Pacific Transport (Jardine)	5
Pelican State (Goyrle)	4
Philippine Transport (Jardine)	21
Pres. Cleveland (APL)	13
Pres. Harrison (APL)	4
Pres. Mckinley (APL)	18
Serampore (E.A.)	13
Sunnyville (Bank)	21
Vesteroy (Wallem)	4
Vingnes (Wallem)	20
	May
H.K. Transport (Jardine)	10
Pres. Wilson (APL)	2

AUSTRALIA

	March
Ava (Dodwell)	27
Soochow (B & S)	23
Taiping (B & S)	23
	April
Eastern Glory Jardine)	23
	May
Kafristan (Jardine)	2
Hindustan (Jardine)	2

CHINA

	March
Choysang (Jardine) ex-Tientsin	20
Hunyang (B & S) ex-Tientsin	27-28
Hunan (B & S) ex-Tientsin	23
Sheng King (B & S) ex-Keelung	20
Wing Sang (Jardine)	20

EUROPE

	March
Antiochus (B & S) ex-U.K.	30
Anking (B & S) ex-U.K.	28
Benvannoch (Loxley)	24
Glengary (Jardine)	23
Nagara (Gilman)	27
Patroclus (B & S) ex-U.K.	24
Torrens (Thoresen)	27
	April
Autolycus (B & S) ex-U.K.	11
Bennevis (Loxley)	20
Benlawers (Loxley)	2
Beneruchan (Loxley)	30
Bennattow (Loxley)	17
Carthage (Mac Mac)	10
Glenayle (Jardine) ex-U.K.	21
Hemland (Gilman)	8
Kampodia (E.A.)	bee.
Mentor (B & S)	14
Meerkerk (RIL)	10
Nordpol (E.A.)	beg.
Radnorshire (Jardine)	9
Ringerd (MM)	8
Selandia (S.A.)	beginning
Shillong (Mac Mac)	16
Talisman (Thoresen)	24
Telemachus (B & S) ex-U.K.	2
Tonghai (Gilman)	24
	May
Bali (Gilman)	24
Benecleuch (Loxley)	11
Benwyvis (Loxley)	9
Champollion (MM)	8
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London	8
Glenory (Jardine) ex-U.K.	11
Rinkerk (RIL)	early
Sudan (Mac Mac)	11
Tamesis (Thoresen)	30
	June
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London	5

INDIA

	March
Jinsang (Jardine) ex-Calcutta	25
Ozarda (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay	end
Pemba (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay	27
Sangola (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta	24

JAPAN

	March
Eastern Saga (Jardine)	30
Newchwang (B & S) ex-Nagoya	26
	April
Hoogkerk	1
Bolsevain (RIL)	9
Baluchistan (Jardine)	6
Changsha (B & S)	5
Star Alcyone (Everett) ex-Kobe	early
Tairea (Mac Mac)	1
	May
Meerkerk (RIL)	1
Straat Soenda (RIL)	2
Straat Malakka (RIL)	2
Tegelberg (RIL)	31
	June
Rinkerk (RIL)	early

SOUTH EAST PORTS

	March
Bradeverett (Everett) ex-Manila	end
Bolsevain (RIL) ex-Manila	24
Empire Glencoe (Pattison) ex-Manila	28
Kweiyang (B & S) ex-Bangkok	26
Pham Hou Chi (MM) ex-Haiphong	26
Rebeverett (Everett) ex-Singapore	end
Star Arcturus (Everett) ex-Saigon	end
Shanai (B & S) ex-Bangkok	26
	April
Wm. Luckenbach (USL)	1
American Report (USL) ex-Manila	2
Pioneer Lake (USL) ex-Manila	9
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila	22
Straat Sunda (RIL) ex-Manila	15
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Java Ports	5
	May
Tegelberg (RIL) ex-Manila	13

SOUTH AMERICA

	March
Bolsevain (RIL)	24
	April
Straat Sunda (RIL)	19

Sailings To

AFRICA

April
10 Bolsevain (RIL).
May
4 Straat Malakka (RIL).
June
1 Tegelberg (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

April
21 Changsha (B & S).
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AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

March
25 Ocean Mail. (Everett).
27 Greta Maersk (Jebsen).
28 Silver Walnut (Jardine) for Vancouver.
April
5 American Reporter (USL).
9 Olga Maersk (Jebsen).
10 Pioneer Lake (USL).
18 Ferndale (Thoresen).
16 Pres. Johnson (APL).
23 Agamemnon (B. & S) for New York
24 Pioneer Wave (USL).
24 Laura Maersk (Jebsen).
May
3 Igadi (Wallem).
10 St. Advocate (Gilman).
14 Pres. Fillmore (APL).

PACIFIC COAST

March
23 Wm. Gackens (USL).
22 Wyoming (Dodwell).
23 Tranquebar (E.A.).
29 California Bear (USL).
30 Castleville (Bank).
30 Tradewind (USL) for Frisco.
31 C.E. Dant (Dodwell).
April
2 Wm. Luckenbach (USL).
2 Fernstream (Dodwell).
4 Mathew Luckenbach. (USL).
5 Pres. Harrison (APL).
8 Pacific Transport (Jardine).
9 American Transport (Jardine).
10 California (Dodwell).
13 Pres. Mckinley (A P L).
14 Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.
16 Serampore (E.A.).
18 Talleyrand (Dodwell).
21 Philippine Transport (Jardine).
29 General Gordon (APL).
30 Bougainville (Bank).
May
3 St. Advocate (Gilman).
3 Pres. Wilson (APL).
10 H.K. Transport (Jardine).

CHINA

March
22 Chunsang (Jardine) for Inchon.
28 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
22 Flying Cloud (Pattison) for Tsingtao.
22 Yunan (B & S) for Keelung.
23 Hupeh (B & S) for Inchon.
29 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung.
30 Choysang (Jardine) for Inchon.
April
1 Empire Glencoe (Pattison) for Tsingtao.
10 Igudi (Wallem) for Tsingtao.

EUROPE

March
22 Glenearn (Jardine) for U.K.
26 Automedon (B & S) for Marseilles and Kvernaas (E.A.).
April
Beg. Nordpol (E.A.).
Beg. Selandia (E.A.).
2 Hoogkerk (RIL).
3 City of Poona (Bank).
5 Benlawers (Loxley)
4 Benvannoch (Loxley).
5 Patroclus (B & S) for Havre.
8 Breconshire (Jardine) for Aden
13 Nagara. (Gilman).
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
14 Theogennitor (MM).
15 Soccitra (Mac Mac).
15 Torrens (Thoresen).
21 Bennatow (Loxley).
25 Antiochus (B & S).
25 Bennevis (Loxley).
29 Hemland (Gilman).
end. Kambodia (E.A.).
May
2 Meerkerk (RIL).
3 Beneruchan (Loxley).
8 Champollion (MM).
11 Shillong (Mac Mac).
12 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
12 Benwyvis (Loxley).
15 Ste. Mere Eglise (MM).
15 Benecleuch (Loxley).
15 Talisman (Thoresen).
June
early Rinkerk (RIL).
9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
10 La Marseillaise (MM) for Marseilles.
Tamesis (Thoresen).
July
7 Carthage (Mac Mac).
August
4 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

March
25 Shirala (Mac Mac).
April
2 Tairea (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.

JAPAN

March
26 Bolsesvain (RIL).
27 Berlage (RIL).
26 Fengtien (B & S) for Yokohama.
27 Taiping (B & S) for Kure.
26 Sangola (Mac Mac).
31 Pemba (Mac Mac).
end Rebeverett (Everett).
end Ozarda (Mac Mac).
April
17 Meerkerk (RIL).
beg. Star Arcturus (Everett).
1-2 Hai Meng (Thoresen) for Kobe.
1 Nagara (Gilman) for Kobe.
17 Straat Soenda (RIL).
23 Shillong (Mac Mac) for Kobe.
[illegible] Eastern Glory (Jardine).
May
6 Kafristan (Jardine).
early Rinkerk (RIL).
15 Tegelberg (RIL).
30 La Marseillaise (MM) for Kobe.

SOUTH EAST PORTS

March
22 Bradeverett (Everett) for Manila.
23 Mausang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
23 Sven Salen (Mac Mac) for Kohsichang.
24 Bougainville (Bank) for Singapore.
23 Tjisadane (RIL) for Singapore.
24 Pakhoi (B & S) for Bangkok.
29 Pigneau De Behaine (MM) for Saigon.
28 Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila.
31 Newchwang (B & S) for Bangkok and Bradeverett (Everett) for Singapore.
April
early Star Alcyone (Everett) for Singapore.
3 Eastern Saga (Jardine) for Singapore.
3 Steel Vendor (Gilman) for Saigon.
9 Pioneer Sea (USL) for Manila.
9 Pres. Fillmore (APL) for Java Ports.
10 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Java Ports
10 Bolsesvain (RIL) for Manila.
12 Ringerd (MM) for Saigon.
16 Akhoi (B & S) for Singapore.
18 Steel Voyager (Gilman) for Saigon.

SOUTH AMERICA

March
31 Glenbank (Bank).
April
10 Bolsesvain (RIL).
May
Straat Malakka (RIL).
June
1 Tegelberg (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

[illegible] Steamer Oceania arrived

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 7 a.m.: ex-Labuan via Jesselton, Sandakan, Manila: 11.30 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.: ex-Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
CPAL ex-Vancouver/Tokyo: 7 a.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Oslo/Bangkok: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 4.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.: ex-Saigon: 2.10 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 4.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo: 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 1.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Haiphong: 3 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.: ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
PAL ex-Manila.
POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 4.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-London, Bangkok: 4.40 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

AIR FRANCE for Paris via Haiphong, Saigon: 8 a.m.
CPA for Saigon: 12 noon: Manila: 2 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.: for San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Honolulu.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 9 a.m.
TAL for Calcutta, Rome: 7 a.m.

TOMORROW

PAL for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 9 a.m.
CPAL for Tokyo, Vancouver: 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 6.45 a.m.: Haiphong: 7 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 3.30 p.m.: San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.: San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.
PAL for London via Manila, Calcutta, Karachi, Lydda, Rome, Madrid.
BOAC for Bangkok, London: 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 9 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok, Oslo: 9 a.m.

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Closing Times by Air

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Airmail for Hoihow, 4 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London, Par, 9 a.m., Reg. 11 a.m., Ord. 12 noon.
Hoihow, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), 2 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Calcutta, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Closing Times by Air

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Airmail for Okinawa and Tokyo, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Hoihow, 4 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Djakarta, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Sandakan, 9 a.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for USA and Canada, 1 p.m.
Airmail for Hoihow, 4 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA, 3 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, Djakarta, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Haiphong, Hanoi, Saigon and Paris, 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Haiphong, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Straits, Djakarta, Sourabaya and Macassar, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, 11 a.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 5 p.m.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The ss. William Gackens Voy.2 is due to arrive here at 8 a.m. today. She will be moored to Buoy A-7 for discharging/loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail for San Francisco on March 23.

San Francisco, March 20.

Dartmouth Victory arrived today from Kobe. President Tart and Tanker Mission Santa Barbara arrived from Yokohama on [illegible] Steamer Oceania arrived

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s.s. "CHOYSANG" Inchon & Tientsin ..... 30th Mar.
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" Singapore, Penang & Calcutta 3rd Apr.

ARRIVALS FROM

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s.s. "CHOYSANG" Tientsin & Taingtao .....26th Mar.
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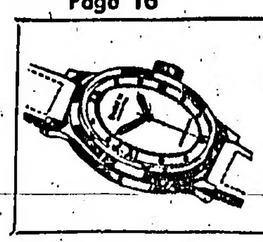

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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1950.

Sports Pause

CHINESE YMCA WIN COLONY BADMINTON LEAGUE TITLE

(By "ARGONAUT")

The Chinese YMCA won the Colony Senior Men's League Badminton Championship for 1950, when they defeated the holders, Hong Kong University, by six sets to three at Club de Recreio last night.

For their victory which now gives them their third league title this season, the Y had to thank their second pair of C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo who paved the way with a brilliant three-set win.

Although the issue seemed to be a foregone conclusion to the huge crowd present when the undergrads took the court without their two top-notchers, H. T. Heah and S. A. Vanar, the University boys put up the most fighting display yet seen this season.

It was a neck to neck race for the greater period of the night and it was not until the second last game of the evening that they conceded defeat.

The first game of the evening between the first pairs of the two sides, saw K.S. Low and T.T. Chin making a splendid recovery to beat the Colony Doubles title holders P.H. Wong and R. Tay 23-20.

Low and Chin were trailing behind 12-20 at one stage, but Wong and Tay failed to obtain the necessary point with two services each. The undergrads gradually drew level and with the second service for his side, Low went on to serve unbrokenly to set.

C.K. Lee and W.F. Foo, taking on University's S.F. Lam and S.K. Cheong, gave the first set to the Y with a rather easy win of 21-7.

University took the lead of two sets to one with the next game, when T B. Teoh and M. T. Yeow struck a brilliant form to outplay R. Young and D. C. Lau to the tune of 21-6.

Y draw level

Excitement ran high among the spectators, as the Y drew level again in the fourth game, P.H. Wong and R. Tay winning their set 21-14 against Lam and Cheong.

The Y took their first lead in the evening when Teoh and Yeow failed to hold back Lee and Foo from their winning mood, losing to them 11-21.

Low and Chin took the next set from Young and Lau and kept the issue in doubt by levelling the score to 3 sets all at this stage. Wong and Tay brought the Y into the lead again with a win over Teoh and Yeow and with the score 4-3, the next game between Foo and Lee and Low and Chin as the deciding match became the centre of intense interest.

The University combination soon went into a lead of 5-2 in this vital set, but brilliant play by both Foo and Lee gave them seven points in a row on their next services. Maintaining their form they took the score to 11-6, 14-8, 18-10 and finally 21-13 to give Y their victory.

In spite of the issue having already been decided, the last game of the evening between Y's Young and Lau and the U's Lam and Cheong was keenly fought, resulting in a narrow win for the Y pair by 21-17.

Full results

P. H. Wong and R. Tay (Chinese YMCA) lost to K.S. Low and T. T. Chin, 20-23, beat S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheong, 21-14, beat T. B. Teoh and M. T. Yeow, 21-10.

C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo (Chinese YMCA) beat Low and Chin, 21-13, beat Lam and Cheong 21-7, beat Teoh and Yeow, 21-11.

R. Young and D. C. Lau (Chinese YMCA) lost to Low and Chin, 18-21, beat Lam and Cheong 21-17, lost to Teoh and Yeow 6-21.

Tonight's games

COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS
SEMI-FINALS
At Club de Recreio

7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Doubles: M. Nolasco and G. Pomeroy (La Salle) v F. Allaye and J. Pomeroy, Jr. (La Salle).

8 p.m. Junior Men's Singles: S. T. Hooi (University) v B. Saw (Shallanders).

8.30 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles: K. F. Chiu and A. Ho (Chung Wah) v Bill Chow and C. H. Ngan (Shallanders).

9 p.m. Ladies' Doubles: Miss M. Xavier and Mrs. H. J. Gonsalves (Rec.) v Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Rozario (Rec.).

9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Singles: C. K. Lee (Chinese YMCA) v K. S. Low (University).

High standard of tennis in HKCC final

A high standard of tennis was seen yesterday when M. Heenan played J. B. Hawthorn in the finals of the Hong Kong Cricket Club Singles Championship.

The game was abandoned after the third set on account of darkness and will be replayed either tomorrow or Friday.

M. Heenan played an aggressive game to win the first two sets, but Hawthorn came into the picture in the third stanza and with greatly improved service and accurately placed drives, won the third set.

The first set was a long drawn-out affair, but Heenan's steadier service and more dependable drives told out and he finally won the set at 10-8.

Hawthorn did not seem to get his American-twist service to work in the first two sets and gave away many valuable points by double faults especially in the initial set.

Heenan continued in winning vein in the second set, annexing the first four games with powerful drives and smashes which Hawthorn could not cope with.

More and more power

However, Heenan dropped his own service to make it 4-1. Then, by adding more and more power to his drives, he made the score 5-1. Again he began to overdrive, and lost the next two games.

He finally won the set at 6-3 after several deuces had been called.

Hawthorn was a different man altogether in the third set. His service improved beyond recognition and his returns of Heenan's most powerful drives often caught Heenan on the wrong foot.

Then Heenan seemed to have lost his fine control and his drives were either netted or too long.

Hawthorn won game after game and led 5-0. Heenan tried hard, but his opponent was not to be denied and he finally had to concede the set after winning only one game.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, March 20.

In Rugby Union games played today, Neath beat Cross Keys by 14 points to eight, while Abertillery held Aberavon to a goalless draw.—Reuter.

HKFA criticise newspaper articles

The Hong Kong Football Association Chairman, Mr. J. Skinner, denied at the monthly Council meeting of the Association yesterday that there was any rough play in the Interport against Saigon.

Mr. Skinner said that the idea of Interports was to make friends and that an article in a newspaper lately was mischievious.

Mr. Skinner also denied the allegation that the team manager stayed "away from" the team.

Mr. Tennuel and Tang Yee-kit had informed the Association that the injuries sustained by them in Saigon were only due to accidents and in no way connected with rough play.

"The aims of the Association are to make good friends and to foster good football" said Mr. Skinner.

The representative of the Kit Chee Football Club informed the meeting that Lau Sau-fook's injury at Bangkok was purely an accident and was not due to rough play.

Mr. Ennis referred to weekly articles in a certain newspaper attacking the Association and wanted to know what could be done about it.

Mr. Skinner agreed that the weekly articles attacked the Association. If the articles contained constructive criticism, they would be helpful; they were, however, not constructive, but mischievious.

Col. Alexander leaving

A letter was received from Colonel Alexander resigning from the Vice Presidency of the Association as he would be leaving the Colony. The meeting thanked Colonel Alexander for what he had done during his connection with the Association.

Captain Barrett, who will also be leaving the Colony soon, was also thanked for his good service to the Association. Captain T. A. O'Conner, his successor, was introduced to Council members.

A letter was received from the Singapore Football Association inviting a Hong Kong team to visit them during October this year for a series of six games. This has been left to the Interport Sub-Committee.

A letter was received from New Zealand Football Association of their intending visit to the Colony.

ROYAL NAVY SOCCER TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy in a First Division Football match against Kwong Wah at Causeway Bay today at 5.15 p.m.:

A. B. Chisholm (Jamaica), L/Sea. Thompson (Alacrity), Yeo. Tozer (Tamar), Cpl. Dearsley (Jamaica), R.E. Thompson (Stonecutters), P. O. Daley (Jamaica), Lt. Reed (Triumph), Music. Galvin (Triumph), S. M. Spencer (Cossack), Tel. Spears (Tamar), A. B. Ball (Dampier).

The following will represent the Navy "B" against the Yard Police at Happy Valley, No. 3, at 5.15 p.m. today:

A. B. Pratt (Jamaica), Boy Hawkins (Cossack), E. M. Anderson (Cossack), P. O. S. M. Evans (Consort), L/Sig. Lampard (Cossack), A. B. Jones (HK Flot.), Tel. Bell (Tamar), O/Sea. Graham (Black Swan), A. B. McGuinnes (Triumph), G. M. Kellett (Dampier), A. B. Musto (HK Flot.).

Linesman: E. M. Weeks (Tamar).

Reserves: L/Sto. Chaplin (Alacrity), P. O. Collins (Tamar), P. O. Northcott (Tamar), P. O. Meesham (Black Swan), L/Sea. Howse (Triumph), A. B. Taylor (Tamar).

Transport will leave Tamar Main Gate at 4.45 p.m.

ARMY SOCCER CHALLENGE CUP RESULTS

The following are the results of the second round of the Army Football Challenge Cup games:—27 A/TR Bty 0, 14 Field Regt 4. 40 Div. Signals 0, A and S.H. 3. 2/6 Gurkhas 1, 27 Coy RASC 2. 58 Medium Regt 3, KOSB 1. Middlesex Regt 1, S. Staffords 4. 25 Field Regt RA 4, RAMC 1. REME 2, Base Supply Depot 1.

FLEET BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fleet boxing championship contests will be held at the China Fleet Club on Thursday, March 23, at 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and on Friday, March 24, at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The finals will take place on Friday, March 24, at 8 p.m.

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Police Interport

Permission was granted to Police Sports to visit Macao for their annual Interport match against the Portuguese Colony on April 3.

The Senior Shield final between Kit Chee and St. Joseph's will be played at the Hong Kong Football Club ground on April 8. The curtain raiser will be the Junior Shield final between Commandos and Army.

The Memorial Cup final will be decided on April 2 between Combined Chinese and Army at Boundary Street and the International Shield final between England and China will be played at Sookunpoo on April 10.

LOCAL SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

The following are the standings in the local soccer league up to and including March 20:

1st Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kit Chee	18	16	1	1	80	13	33
KMB	20	16	1	3	70	25	33
Army	21	13	4	4	64	28	30
St. Joseph's	18	11	2	5	43	35	24
Commando	19	10	2	7	59	47	22
S. China	19	8	3	8	44	54	19
Police	19	7	4	8	30	31	18
Eastern	21	7	2	12	35	63	16
Navy	17	6	1	10	25	39	13
CAA	18	4	5	9	24	33	13
Club	20	4	5	11	25	53	13
RAF	20	4	2	14	39	72	10
Kwong Wah	20	3	0	17	16	61	6

2nd Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
N. Vendors	26	22	3	1	134	29	47
Kit Chee	25	20	1	4	121	45	41
RAF	23	16	3	4	81	34	35
Army	22	16	2	4	92	32	34
S. China	26	15	4	7	105	44	34
PCA	26	13	4	9	93	56	30
Navy	22	13	1	8	79	59	27
Collectors	23	10	6	7	61	46	26
Eastern	24	12	2	10	65	57	26
Police	25	10	2	13	76	77	22
Taikoo	26	10	2	14	43	66	22
Prison's	25	9	5	12	77	75	21
CAA	23	7	4	12	66	72	18
St. Joseph's	25	6	2	15	46	67	16
Dockyard	26	5	6	15	57	110	16
Club	24	5	2	17	34	70	12
Hard Police	24	2	2	21	32	139	6
University	20	0	1	19	17	132	1

Grand National:

Quotations show marked reduction

London, March 20.

The quotations of the leading horses in next Saturday's Grand National at Aintree, Liverpool, showed a marked reduction at the Victoria Club callover here tonight.

This was expected following the success of heavily-supported Dramatic in the Lincolnshire Handicap on Saturday.

Bookmakers hedging some of the big "Spring" Doubles still standing forced the first market choice, Freebooter, to 7 to 1, two points shorter than the last callover.

TThe Irish challenger, Shagreen, was cut four points to 100 to 6.

In all, 22 horses were quoted as against six at last week's callovers. The Northern horse, Wot No Sun, showed the biggest cut of all. Last quoted at 40 to 1 10 days ago, he is now 28 to 1.

The next callover takes place on Wednesday, with a final session on Friday night.

Full betting

7 to 1 Freebooter, 100 to 8 Roimond, Cromwell and Monaveen, 100 to 6 Shagreen, 22 to 1 Russian Hero, 25 to 1 Castledermot, 28 to 1 Cloncarrig and Wot No Sun, 33 to 1 Gallery, 40 to 1 Aethon Major, Angel Hill, Royal Mount, Soda, Klaxton, Possible, Rowland Roy, Inverlochy and Fighting Line, 50 to 1 Pastime and Knockira, 66 to 1 Battling Peduins.

Finnure not to run

Lord Bicester's Finnure is not to run in the Grand National next Saturday. Mr. George Beeby, his trainer, said today: "The present arrangement is that Finnure runs in the Champion Chase on Thursday and not in the Grand National."

Finnure was backed last week from 50 to 1 to 25 to 1 for the Grand National and those who supported him will now lose their money.

Lord Bicester's other Grand National horse, Roimond, who finished second last year, is the second favourite in the present betting at 100 to 8.—Reuter.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York, March 20.

Exhibition baseball results:

Cleveland (American) 7, Los Angeles (Pacific Coast) 5.

New York (National) 9, Pittsburgh (National) 8.

Hollywood (Pacific Coast) 9, St. Louis (American) 2.

Detroit (American) 9, New York (American) 4.

St. Louis (National) 14, Philadelphia (National) 5.

Washington (American) 8, Boston (American) 5.

Cincinnati (National) 12, Boston (National) 7.

Philadelphia (American) 7, Memphis (Southern Association) 1.—Associated Press.

SANDS OUTPOINTS CARL OLSON

Sydney, March 20.

Dave Sands, Empire middleweight boxing champion, having his first fight since returning from England, outpointed Carl Olson in a 12-round contest here tonight.

It was a close decision with both men showing signs of fatigue in the last four rounds.

Some spectators booed and some walked out when the contest lapsed into a styleless exhibition.

Sands, the odds on favourite, scaled 153½ lbs and Olson 162½.—Reuter.

Home soccer:

Liverpool tipped to beat Everton in Cup semi-final

(By "ALBION")

Interest in Home soccer this week will be centred around the FA Cup semi-final match between Liverpool and Everton to be played at Maine Road.

With the ultimate finalists still to be decided, the Gunners and the Pensioners will be viewing the result with eagerness.

Of this tie, I think Liverpool will run out fairly easy winners.

Although Liverpool have been experiencing a rather lean time in the league of late they must still be considered as the possible Cup winners.

This will be their first participation in the final, whereas Everton have reached it no less than four times previously, having won the Cup on two of those occasions.

Everton, however, have the relegation bogey stalking them in the league and this could have some bearing on their display on Saturday.

In Division I, the position at the head of this table is becoming most intriguing, with Blackpool chasing the United very closely, there being only three points between the two teams—the Seasiders having two games in hand.

A terrific struggle

Yes the stage seems to be all set for a terrific struggle for supremacy.

This week, the United go to Huddersfield, where they should take both points at stake.

Blackpool are at Home to lowly Birmingham and even Birmingham's improved form, I fear, will not be sufficient to hold up the Seasiders run of successes.

Sunderland also, should experience little difficulty in overcoming Charlton at the Valley this week. The "Haddocks" have run into bad form this season and will not be expected to offer much opposition to an ambitious Sunderland.

Wolverhampton's excellent win over Liverpool last Saturday puts them back in the running for honours and this return to early season form will no doubt be reflected in next Saturday's result against Stoke City.

Yes, this looks one of the best Home bets of the day.

Another shock

Tottenham Hotspur suffered another shock at the hands of Barnsley on Saturday when losing 2-0.

It might be just as well for them that they have an 11 point lead in League II otherwise their promotion chances might be frittered away as did Southampton's last season.

However, their early and mid-season run of successes should uphold them.

This week, they are at Home to close London neighbours West Ham and although in the past the Hammers have always run them to a very close game, I should say the Spurs would just make the grade in this game.

Sheffield Wednesday, now holding a most enviable third place in this Division, having played three games less than their rival neighbours, United, and only three points in arrears, have a most sporting chance of promotion.

They have another promotion aspirant in Leeds United as their visitors to Hillsborough this week and a fine game should be witnessed. The result of this game should mean another lift up for the Owls.

Tough handful

The United go to Bury, where they will find the Grigg Lane lads a mighty tough handful

This could mean two points for the Home team.

Hull City, now slipping out of the promotion race, have Southampton as guests to Boothferry Park this week and will find the Southerners a very stiff obstacle to overcome.

Southampton could easily take a point from this game.

In the other half of the table regulation teams Bradford and Queen's Park Rangers clash.

There will little copy book football seen from this game; with both teams struggling, it will be goals that will count and it's anybody's game.

Coventry will not be expected to improve their position as a result of their game at Brentford this week.

The "Bees" are definitely on the upward trend and should take the spoils from an out of luck Coventry.

In the Southern Division, it would seem that only one bad display from the County would let West Country team, Torquay, right into the picture.

Glamourous Notts

They are sticking very close to the glamourous Notts County and their fine win over Bournemouth last Saturday classes them as a worthy promotion team.

This week they go to Bristol as guests of the Rovers and although they will find the Home team quite a hard nut to crack, I think they will be ahead at the final whistle.

Notts County are at Home to the present wooden spoonists of this league—Millwall—and everything would point to an easy victory for the County.

However, I always expect Millwall to do the impossible, and I shall give them to take at least a point from Tommy Lawton's men.

Newport and Leyton, also with the fear of applying for re-election haunting them, meet on the latter's ground on Saturday and another "dog fight" will ensue.

Once again, it can be anybody's game!

It is a pitty Gateshead's prolific goal scoring bout came so late in the season, otherwise Doncaster would be looking shaky promotion candidates.

As it is, the Rovers have a five point lead over them with two matches in hand.

Doncaster should further improve their grip on this section by beating Oldham away on Saturday.

Forecasts

Forecast for matches to be played on Saturday March 25.

F.A. Cup Semi Final
LIVERPOOL v Everton

DIVISION I
VILLA v Burnley
BLACKPOOL v Birmingham
Charlton v SUNDERLAND
Fulham v ARSENAL
Huddersfield v MAN. UNITED
MIDDLESBORO v Derby
NEWCASTLE v Bolton
PORTSMOUTH v Chelsea
WOLVES v Stoke

DIVISION II
BLACKBURN v Luton
Bradford v Queens Park R.
BRENTFORD v Coventry
BURY v Sheff. United
CARDIFF v Barnsley
Chesterfield v Preston
Hull v Southampton
LEICESTER v Grimsby
PLYMOUTH v Swansea
SHEFF WED. v Leeds
TOTTENHAM v West Ham

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
BOURNEMOUTH v Aldershot
Bristol R. v TORQUAY
PALACE v Notts F.
EXETER v Bristol C.
IPSWICH v Brighton
Leyton v Newport
Notts County v Millwall
Port Vale v Walsall
READING v Norwich
SOUTHEND v Swindon
WATFORD v Northampton

DIVISION III (NORTH)
ACCRINGTON v Hartlepools
BARROW v Bradford C.
Carlisle v N. Brighton
CREWE v Chester
LINCOLN v Rochdale
MANSFIELD v Darlington
Oldham v DONCASTER
ROTHERHAM v Halifax
TRANMERE v Southport
Wrexham v Gateshead
York v Stockport

Radio Hong Kong to broadcast tennis finals

Radio Hong Kong will begin today's evening transmission at 5 p.m. to broadcast the men's singles final of the Colony Tennis Championships.

Similar arrangements are being made to cover the final of the men's doubles championship which will take place on Thursday.

Egyptian Tennis Championships

Alexandria, March 20.

Gottfried Von Cramm, former German Davis Cup ace, beat B. Blomquist, of Sweden, 5-7, 6-4 and 6-0 in the second round of the men's singles in the Egyptian International Lawn Tennis Championships here.

In the same round Kart Nielson, a young Danish International, defeated Henri Cochet, the seasoned French star, after a tremendous five-set battle by 6-3, 1-6, 6-0, 14-16, 6-3.

Other results

Other second round results included:

Torsten Johanson, of Sweden, beat Moubarek (Egypt) 6-1, 6-3 and 9. Vladimir Cernick, the self-exiled Czech, beat T. Ulrich, of Denmark, by 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. Heraldo Weiss, of Argentina, beat Jacques Peten, of Belgium, by 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Adrian Quist, of Australia, beat L. Stallos, of Greece, by 6-3, 6-2, 6-3. Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech, beat "Paddy" Roberts, of Britain, by 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.—Reuter.

ROYAL NAVY HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy against the Commando Hockey XI at King's Park tomorrow at 4.30 p.m.

P. O. Lines (Kenya), P. O. LeBrun (Jamaica), Surg. Lt. Mallows (Tamar), Capt. Woods RM (Kenya), Lt. Cdr. Haig (Tamar), L/Tel Mathewson (Tamar), L/Ptl. Cripps (Tamar), Lt. (E) Gemmell (Constance), Mid. Mulhatra (Kenya), S/Lt. Marriott (Cockade), Lt. Cdr. (S) Rankin (Dampier).

Reserves: Mr. Branch (Consort) and Lt. Cdr. Aitken (F.O. 2 Staff).

Boat will leave from Tamar at 4 p.m.

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